RG104 Entry 235

Volume 380 Part I

January 1, 1909 – December 31, 1909

Letters Sent by Mint Headquarters to Miscellaneous Recipients

Press copies of typed documents are in chronological order. Annotations and addenda sheets have been digitized as they appear with the press copies.

This volume has been divided into four parts for convenience of internet users.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

RG 104 RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF THE MINT

Records of the Bureau of the Mint
Correspondence

LETTERS SENT, 1873-1917

Vol. 380 of 600

NC-152, Entry 235

RG 104 RECORDS OF THE BUREAU OF THE MINT

Records of the Bureau of the Mint
Correspondence

LETTERS SENT, 1873-1917

Vol. 380 of 600

NC-152, Entry 235

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

January 2, 1909.

Dr. Wm. Sturgis Bigelow,
56 Beacon Street,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Doctor:

I return herewith the clippings you so kindly sent me. I should have done sooner, but being engrossed with the multiplicity of details attending the close of the year, I put the matter off until I felt I had more time. I enclose two or three clippings which perhaps have not met your eye. I also had one containing Mr. Chapman's letter, but as Mr. Loeb informed me that he had sent the letter to you, I suppose you would not care for it. I was somewhat amused by this savage attack, and should have liked to have been in a position to reply to this unjust criticism.

However, I am pleased to say that adverse criticism of the coins is an exception. I feel very well pleased with the result.

With the compliments of the season, I remain,

Yours truly,

Director of the Mint.

FAs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Reports and publications

2

January 2, 1909.

Hon. C. R. Davis,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

In reply to your request, I am pleased to inform you that the reports will be forwarded as soon as published.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Dimmick case

3

January 2, 1909.

January 2, 1909.

Mr. Robert N. Frick,
310 Sansome Street,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Frick:

Your letter of December 18th came duly to hand, but I have been unable to write you until this moment.

I found upon enquiry that the United States Attorney General has been endeavoring to secure a statement of facts from the side of the prosecution for some time past, but owing to the complete change in the personnel of the United States District Attorney's office at San Francisco, he has been unable up to this time to get into communication with any one directly connected with the prosecution of the cases, although Mr. Finch, the Pardon Attorney, informed me that Mr. Devlin has written him that he had requested one of the special attorneys employed to supply a statement. I expect that the confusion arose from the fact that Denson & Schlessinger were engaged in a part of the trials, and that Mr. Dunne, the other special attorney, was only employed on the last trial, consequently Mr. Dunne would not be able to make a statement in regard to the minor cases. Mr. Finch also requested me to make a statement of the facts involved in each of the three convictions, which I did, also mentioning the fact that Dimmick had remained in jail from the date of his first arrest in 1901 until his final conviction in 1903. [illegible]

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

NALm

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

4

January 2, 1909.

Mr. Robert M. Gates,
5707 Curtiss Avenue,
Cleveland, Ohio.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 31st ultimo you are respectfully informed that the piece described by you is what is known as a Columbian quarter-dollar, struck for the Board of Lady Managers of the World's Fair in Chicago in 1893. The piece would be redeemed at its face value by the Treasury.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Publications and reports

5

January 2, 1909.

January 2, 1909.

Mr. Wythe B. Graham,
Max Meadow,
Virginia.

Sir:

Your letter of the 26th ultimo was duly received. To satisfactorily reply to your letter would involve a discussion of economics requiring much more time than is just now at my disposal. Briefly, I may say, however, in answer to your letter, that the increased production of gold at each golden age in the history of the world was attended with a raise in prices.

I will send you a copy of the Director's report for the fiscal year 1906 which contains a table showing the world's output of gold and silver for many years past. I also enclose herewith a proof of an article bearing upon this subject which may possibly prove of interest to you. I should be pleased to have you return the proof wha you are through with it. The article herewith contains a statement of the world's production for the last ten years, as well as an estimate for the year 1908.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

6

January 2, 1909.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,
Ardsley-on-Hudson,
New York.

My dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of December 24th I am sorry to say that I was unable to take the matter of your request up in relation to the five cent patter piece until this moment. I will let you know the result as soon as ascertained.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

7

January 2, 1909.

The Quartermaster-General U. S. A.,
War Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I will thank you to instruct the nearest Quartermaster to Waterbury, Connecticut, to receive from the Waterbury Farrell Foundry & Machine Company one rolling mill for shipment to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, and one rolling mill for shipment to the Mint of the United States at Denver, Colo.; charges for transportation to be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, 1909, of the mints named.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

8

January 2, 1909.

The Scovill Manufacturing Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:

For the copper furnished the representative of this Bureau for testing the rolling mills built by the Waterbury Farrell Foundry and Machine Company for the Mint at San Francisco, I will thank you to sign and return the enclosed voucher when the same will be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco with instructions to forward you check for the amount, namely:- $11.69

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

9

January 2,1909.

United States Express Co.,
Second and H Streets N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

I am returning herewith Bill dated December 1,1908, amounting to $9.10 with the request that Bill of Lading covering entry of shipment from Philadelphia to Washington November 3rd,1908 (17 lbs) be attached or that entry be eliminated as there is no way of paying the account without the Bill of Lading.

Inquiry at the office of the Storekeeper shows no shipment entered from Philadelphia on November 3rd except that covered by B/L 901.

If you will return the account with the missing B/L or deduct the amount ($0.50) included without B/L the account will be referred for settlement at once.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

K-

(Enclosures)

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Machinery rolling mills Denver and S. F.

10

January 2, 1909.

Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Co.,
Waterbury, Connecticut.

Sirs:

Mr. McLoughlin, the superintendent of machinery at the San Francisco mint, who tested the two rolls recently made by you upon my order, has reported the shop test of the rolls satisfactory in every way. You are hereby requested to deliver the rolls to the Quartermaster, U. S. Army, for shipment to the points of delivery. Mr. McLoughlin says that he indicated to you which roll he wishes to be sent to Denver and which one was to go to San Francisco. I understand that some 40 pounds of copper were used in testing these rolls. You will include this copper in the packages shipped to San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs 261406

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

11

January 2, 1909.

Waterbury Farrell Foundry & Machine Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:

I have this day requested the Quartermaster General U. S. A. to direct some Quartermaster located near Waterbury, Conn., to receive from you and forward to the mints of the United States at Denver and San Francisco the rolling mills manufactured by you for those institutions.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Books and publications

12

January 2, 1909.

Mr. Farran Zerbe,
Tyrone, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th ultimo received. In response to your request your nme will be placed upon the mailing list for such reports as you desire from this office.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs 274824

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

13

RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 4, 1908.

To Anglo Californian Bank,

San Francisco, Cal.

Cannot add to stock of silver in San Francisco at present.

Leach

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1909.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—4258

STOCK FORM 1758 B.
DIV. P. AND S.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

(Enclosing statistical tables as requested)'

14

January 4, 1909.

Mr. H. A. Kuhn,
Fulton Building,
Pittsburg, Penna.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of 2nd instant I take pleasure in enclosing herewith tables compiled from the latest returns, covering the following statistics:-

Gold and silver production of the world since 1492; stock of gold, silver, and paper money of the different countries of the world on December 31st. 1907, in circulation and reserve; gold and silver production of the United States yearly since 1792; gold and silver coinage of the United States yearly since 1873, and gold and silver used in the industrial arts in the United States yearly, since 1880.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosures).

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

(Enclosing tables showing amount of U.S. gold & silver coin and amount of bullion belonging to U.S. gov't., June 30, 1908).

15

January 4, 1909.

Mr. J. J. Osburb,
Boise, Okalahoma.

Sir:

At the request of the Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Commerce and Labor, I enclose herewith tables showing the amount of United States gold and silver coin in the country, also the amount of bullion belonging to the government on June 30, 1908, that being the latest date upon which this estimate was made.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosure).

Yours truly,

Director of the Mint.

Ile

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Appointments and changes

16

January 4, 1909.

Hon. Geo. C. Perkins,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of January 2d, and in reply have to say that I regret I can see no way of meeting your request. In the first place, no action could be had by me without the recommendation of the superintendent of the mint at San Francisco.

However, as I happen to be well acquainted with all the facts connected with the request of Mr. Sullivan, and to save Senator Wolfe from further annoyance or importunings from Mr. Sullivan, I will state that the latter, while an excellent hand and a good workman, is now receiving the highest pay allowed in the service for the work is he doing, and therefore I could not approve any increase in his pay.

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RLs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

17

January 4, 1909.

Mr. J. L. Karesh,

601 King Street,
Charleston, S. C.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant you are respectfully informed that a medal in commemoration of the departure of the Atlantic fleet for cruise around the world has been prepared by the Mint at Philadelphia which it is proposed to have struck and sold at that institution in the near future. It is understood that the cost will be about one dollar. This medal will be struck in bronze only.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

18

January 4, 1908.

W. E. Slupe,
Webb, Iowa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 4th instant I enclose herewith a copy of the requlations covering receipt of gold bullion for coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia. The same regulations apply to other mints and assay offices. Any person has a right to deposit gold bullion at any of the mints or assay offices of the United States and the coining value, less the charges for fitting the bullion for coinage will be returned to the depositor.

There is a U. S. Assay Office at States Louis and a Mint at Denver. At either institution deposits of gold bullion can be made.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

190

January 4, 1908.

Mr. PHilip C. H. Wentworth,
105 Sefferts Place,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant stating that you have a silver coin of the United States dated 1838 has been received, and in reply you are respectfully informed that with the limited amount of information given by you it is impossible to say what the coin is worth, or if it is a coin of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Cent. Dr. Mint Bureau, 1909.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

220

RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 5, 1909.

To American Smelting & Refining Company,

165 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Will accept one hundred thousand ounces at today's market rate for delivery at New York.

Leach

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1909.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION 570.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—4258

STOCK FORM 1766 S.
DIV. P. AND S.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

21

January 5, 1908.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Assay Office of the United States at New York has this day been instructed to receive from you 100,000 ounces of silver and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.50869 for the silver .999 fine contained.

This price is based upon London rate of 23-5/16d. Sight exchange, $4.8680 and parity $0.5111948 19819, minus .0025, making the net settlement price $0.50869 for the silver .999.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

New designs minor coinage

22

January 5, 1909.

Mr. Victor D. Brenner,
114 E. 28th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Brenner:

The contract made with Mr. Augustus Saint-Gaudens embraced making models for the gold and minor coinage, for which work he was to receive $5,000., but inasmuch as he was required to make several models of each design and one more design than he had calculated upon, the estate demanded and received $1,000. in addition for the extra work.

Mr. Pratt was paid the sum of $600. for his models of the obverse and reverse sides of the new Half Eagle.

Did you show the President your Lincoln medal? It is such a superior work, and he is such an admirer of art, that I think he should see it if he has not already done so. I should be pleased, if necessary, to show him the medal I have if he has not already seen one.

With the compliments of the season, I remain,

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

23

January 5, 1909.

R. C. Rasmussen

Mr. R. C. Rasmussen,
Box 48, Tanville,
Ward Co., North Dakota.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant you are respectfully informed that if you will submit the stone you have to some reputable jeweler he could readily tell you whether it is of any value. It is impossible to say what the stone is worth without an inspection of the same.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

274926

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

24

January 5, 1909.

Mr. George McLoughlin,
Superintendent of Machinery,
U. S. Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Referring to my letter of December 3, 1908, wherein you were authorized and instructed to visit Waterbury, Connecticut, for the purpose of inspecting rolling mills manufactured by the Waterbury Farrel Foundry and Machine Company for the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, California, and when these duties were completed, to visit the Mint at Philadelphia for the purpose of familiarizing yourself with the minor coinage operations, and then to visit Washington for conference with the Director of the Mint on official business, you are now authorized and instructed to return to San Francisco, going from Washington to Chicago, and from Chicago to New Orleans, La., and thence to San Francisco.

Your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid, upon your rendering an account of the same from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint at San Francisco, 1909.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Approved:-

L. A. Cort

Assistant Secretary.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

25

January 5, 1909.

To the

Director of Geological Survey,

Washington, D.C.

Sir:

Will you kindly furnish this Bureau, at your earliest convenience, the following information:-

The present rank of Nevada in the production of copper;

Total production of copper in Nevada, from its earliest discovery;

The last yearly output of the Goldfield mines;

Total output to date of the Goldfield mines (gold and silver separately);

Total output, yearly, of the Comstock Lode, Nevada, since 1902 (gold and silver separately).

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

26

January 5, 1909.

Mr. Miles D. Joslin,
120 E. Sola Street,
Santa Barbara, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 28th ultimo enclosing a twenty-five cent fractional note has been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States who will communicate with you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

27

January 5, 1909.

Mr. J. L. Zietz,
4234 N. Hicks Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 27th ultimo you are respectfully informed that all Appointments in the Mint Service are now made from the list of eligible persons as furnished by the U. S. Civil Service Commission. These lists are made up of persons who have passed a Civil Service examination. I would suggest that you file an application with the Civil Service Commission to be furnished with the necessary papers when another examination is held for the position of watchman in the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Repairs stone floors S. F.

28

January 6, 1909.

Alberene Stone Company,
233 East 23d Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

I am just informed by wire from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at San Francisco, California, that your company has only two men employed in laying the floors under contract had with your company, and I am also informed that these are only ordinary workmen and that there is no engineer or skilled person there to direct them in their work.

I beg to call your attention to the fact that this is not in accordance with the spirit of the contract. When this work was solicited by your agent I called his attention to the fact that these floors would have to be laid without interrupting the operations of the mint and that it would have to be done speedily with all the force employed possible, and I was informed by your agent that this work could be so done, the price, of course, being greater than it would have been under other circumstances. We planned how the work could be done without serious interference with the operations of the mint. Mr. Healy, being experienced in the operation of mint machinery, could see what was necessary and how the work could be done. These men you have there know nothing about such work, and the superintendent informs me that he does not see how the work can be continued without stopping the mint operations. I have wired him that the work must go on, and now inform

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

29

you that if it is not so done I will have to annul the contract, and unless you shall put to work all the men possible, and under the direction of some qualified person, the government will have to exact its penalty under the contract.

We have been waiting patiently to get this work done so that we could begin on our gold coinage, which cannot be undertaken until the work of laying the floors is completed.

I again call your attention to the necessity of immediate action upon your part.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Annual Assay Commission

30

January 6, 1909.

Hon. William E. Borah,
Chairman Committee on Standards, Weights and Measures,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I should be pleased to have you serve as a member of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets at the mint at Philadelphia on the second Wednesday in February. Should you be unable to attend the meeting of the commission, kindly suggest the name of some member of your committee to act as Assay Commissioner.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Annual Assay Commission

331

January 6, 1909.

Hon. Wm. B. McKinley,
Chairman Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McKinley:

In making up the list of proposed members of the next annual Assay Commission for the approval of the President, it occurred to me that perhaps you would be able to attend the next meeting of the commission which is to be held in Philadelphia beginning the second Wednesday in February. We should be pleased to have you with us again this year, but if you will be unable to attend I would request that you designate some member of your committee to act as Assay Commissioner.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

32

January 6, 1909.

Mr. J. H. Ruff,
General Agent, Adams Express Company,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith bill of lading, without number, dated June 23, 1908, for transportation of $293 in silver coin and 2864.90 pesos [illegible] amounting to $19.57 [illegible] bill of lading No. 1, covering shipment of U. S. coin and silver coin and Philippine coin weighing 117.80 pounds, value at $1.557 [illegible]

The [illegible] on which the charges are based. With the information [illegible] from the bills in their present form it is not possible to check them in this Bureau.

[illegible] return bills [illegible] when the account will receive immediate attention.

Respectfully,

[illegible]

U.C.

My Dear Mr Nye

Could you serve on the Assay Commission this year? It meets in Philadelphia this coming February, the 15th I think is the date. Two to three days session, No Compensation for Service, But all expenses of trip and return are paid. Let me know soon as possible.

With Kindest Regards

Yours Truly

Frank A. Leach

Director

to A. B. Nye
State Controller
Sacramento
Cal

√

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

333

January 6, 1909.

Mr. J. M. Huff,
General Agent, Adams Express Company,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I am returning herewith bill of lading, without number, dated June 23, 1908, for transportation of $293 in silver coin and 2884.90 pesos weighing 168 pounds, with charges amounting to $19.57, shipped from San Francisco to Philadelphia; also bill of lading No. 18, covering shipment of U. S. gold and silver coin and Philippine coin, weighing 117.50 pounds, valued at $1,557.50, with charges amounting to $20.97.

Will you please note on these bills the rates upon which the charges are based. With the information stated on the bills in their present form it is not possible to check them in this Bureau.

Kindly return bills of lading enclosed as early as possible when the account will receive immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Frank Leach

Director of the Mint.

K.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

34

January 6, 1909.

Mining & Scientific Press,
667 Howard Street,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your account for subscription of this Bureau to the Mining and Scientific Press from July 1st, 1908, to July 1st, 1909, and respectfully request that you will render the same on the enclosed form of voucher, signing in the space indicated in pencil, and when returned to this Office the account will receive immediate attention. This form of voucher is prescribed by the Department.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

K.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

35

January 6, 1909.

Hon. Samuel H. Piles,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

Upon investigation I find that we provided for the renewal of the increase made through your efforts last year in the appropriations for the Seattle assay office, so there is nothing to be done in the matter.

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Coinage for 1909

36

January 6, 1909.

Mr. W. P. Sinnett, Cashier,
Market Street National Bank,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 4th instant, addressed to the United States Treasurer, has been referred to me for reply.

It will be some time before all the denominations you describe will be struck. The dies for 1909 are not used until the first working day in January of that year, consequently very few coins have been struck dated 1909. It is possible that some of these coins may not be struck before the middle of the year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Payment for deposits

37

January 6, 1909.

Mr. M. A. Sulkowitch,
367 Fore Street,
Portland, Me.

Sir:

Your letter of December 30th, addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, has been referred to me. I think it can be arranged for you to receive your returns for deposits made at the United States Mint at Philadelphia in check by mail, but you must understand that any loss of check will be without responsibility to the government.

The law contemplates that all people making deposits at the mints or assay offices shall do so in person, therefore a mint or assay office is not required by law to receive deposits sent by mail of express, but as a matter of convenience to customers we endeavor to make arrangements that will accommodate parties to whom it would be an inconvenience to send their gold to government institutions in any other way except by mail or express, but in accepting these deposits in this way the shipment and remittance must be wholly at the risk and expense of the shipper.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

38

January 6, 1909.

Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant you are respectfully informed that the matter of award of contract for Coining Presses for the Mint at San Francisco will be given attention in the course of a few days.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

274729

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

439

January 7, 1909.

Mr. F. M. Colby,
372 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 6th instant, I enclose herewith copy of preliminary estimate of the gold and silver production of the United States for the calendar year 1908.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

275031

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

40

January 7, 1909.

Brigadier General C. R. Edwards, U. S. A.,
Chief, Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I enclose herewith for payment the account of Eric Swedberg for 26 days labor in December for repairing boxes and packing coins for shipment to the Philippine Islands from the Mint at San Francisco.

In payment of this account I will thank you to cause a check to be remitted direct to Mr. Swedberg, in care of the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

41

January 7, 1909.

Mr. Farran Zerbe,
Freehold, New Jersey.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 6th instant I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a table giving the coinage by denominations of the Mints of the United States during the calendar year 1908.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

42

RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 8, 1909.

To American Smelting & Refining Co.,

165 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Will accept seventy-five thousand ounces for New Orleans and fifty thousand ounces for Denver at today's market rate.

L. Leach

Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1909.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—4258

STOCK FORM 175S B.
DIV. P. AND S.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

43

January 8, 1909.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans has been instructed to receive from you seventy-five thousand ounces of silver and the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver has been instructed to receive fifty thousand ounces of silver purchased this day and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.51734 for the silver .999 fine contained.

This price is based upon London rate of 23-11/16 pence, Exchange $4.8720 and parity $0.519844594594, minus .0025, making the net settlement price $0.51734.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

44

RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 8, 1909.

TO Anglo-Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Your offer for delivery at Denver accepted payable by check on Assistant Treasurer at Chicago or depository bank Denver as you prefer.

Leach
Director Mint.

Cent. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1909.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—4258

STOCK FORM 1758 B.
DIV. P. AND S.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

45

January 8, 1909.

Anglo-Californian Bank,
San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby confirmed:-

"Your offer for delivery at Denver accepted payable by check on Assistant Treasurer at Chicago or depository bank Denver as you prefer."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Specimen coins

46

January 8, 1909.

January 8, 1909.

Mr. The Ferracute Machine Co.,
Ardsley Bridgeton, N. J.
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your proposal to furnish two coining presses for the Mint of the United States at San Francisco and the same will be given due consideration.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

My dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, wherein he informs me that the mint authorities have neither models or dies of the Lincoln five cent pattern piece. However, he finds that in the coin collection or exhibit in the mint building there is one of those pattern pieces from which photographs can be taken and you will be permitted to have photographs made at any time upon making application to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Yours truly,

Director of the Mint.

FALs 273056

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Specimen coins

47

January 8, 1909.

Mr. Robert Hewitt,
Ardsley-on-Hudson,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

I have just received a letter from the Superintendent of the United States Mint at Philadelphia, wherein he informs me that the mint authorities have neither models or dies of the Lincoln five cent pattern piece. However, he finds that in the coin collection or exhibit in the mint building there is one of these pattern pieces from which photographs can be taken, and you will be permitted to have photographs made at any time upon making application to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALs 275056

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

48

January 8, 1909.

Schutte & Koerting Co.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your proposal to furnish two coining presses for the Mint of the United States at San Francisco, and the same will be given due consideration.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

49

January 9, 1909.

E. W. Bliss & Co.,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state the price at which you will manufacture and deliver to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco two coining presses similar to press No. 11 now in use in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

50

January 9, 1909.

U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has, under date of January 8, 1909, requested the transfer of John H. McCray and John J. Burns from the position of Machinists, (Schedule D, Subdivision 1) in the General Department at a compensation of $3.50 per diem and their appointment as helpers, (Schedule D, Subdivision 3), same Department, at a compensation of $3.00 per diem.

This request is transmitted to you for proper action and reply to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

K.

275108

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

551

January 9, 1909.

J. C. Doane,
229 N. 15th Street,
Philadelphia, Penna.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant received. In reply I would inform you that the Director of the Mint does not interfere with the employment and discharge of employees at the mints. That is a duty wholly delegated to the superintendents.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

52

January 9, 1909.

Ferracute Machine Company,
Bridgeton, N. J.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state the price at which you will manufacture and deliver to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco two coining presses similar to press No. 11 now in use in the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

53

January 9, 1909.

Hon. Charles B. Law,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 8th instant you are respectfully informed that I have forwarded to Mr. Adam A. Geller, 150 Harmon Street, Brooklyn, N. Y., a copy of the Coinage Laws and indicated therein where he will find the component parts as fixed by law of the gold, silver and minor coins of the United States.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Bach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

54

January 9, 1909.

Mr. Gerald Plaisaine,
Winsted, Minn.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant you are respectfully informed that in the calendar year 1884 there were coined 28,136,875 standard silver dollars. The Government pays no premium upon any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

275128

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

55

January 9, 1909.

The Quartermaster, U. S. A.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I will thank you to receive from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia one hopper and counting boards and forward the same to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at St. Louis, Mo.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

56

January 9, 1909.

Schutte and Koerting Co,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Gentlemen:

I will thank you to state the price at which you will manufacture and deliver to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco two coining presses similar to press No. 11 now in use in the Mint at Philadelphia?

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Repairs - stone floors S. F. Mint

57

January 11, 1909.

Alberene Stone Company,
223 East 23d Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sirs:

I am in recept of your letter of January 9th, and assure you that your prompt action in response to my complaint of the condition of the work at San Francisco is appreciated. I am glad to have your assurances that the spirit as well as the letter of the contract will be complied with.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Annual Assay Commission

58

January 11, 1909.

Hon. Wm. A. Ashbrook,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ashbrook:

I am pleased to inform you that the request you make for Mr. Zerbe will be complied with.

I am sorry to say we will not be able to have you with us on the Assay Commission this year. There is a very great pressure this year for positions on the Commission, and I shall largely have to abandon my purpose of returning as many on the Commission as I had hoped to.

Yours truly,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Annual Assay Commission

59

January 11, 1909.

Hon. J. G. Cannon, Speaker,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Cannon:

I received your letter of the 8th instant in relation to the appointment of Hon. P. T. Chapman of Illinois as a member of the Assay Commission. I am sorry to say that I am afraid it is too late to get Mr. Chapman's name on the list. However, I will keep your recommendation before me and do my best to accommodate you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

60

January 11, 1909.

Brigadier General C. R. Edwards,
Chief Bureau of Insular Affairs,
War Department.

Sir:

I enclose herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at San Francisco for the coinage executed for the Philippine Government during the month of December, 1908, amounting to $18,275.18.

In payment of this account I will thank you to cause a check in favor of the Treasurer of the United States to be remitted under cover to this Bureau.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

61

January 11, 1909.

Fidelity Trust Company,
Milwaukee, Wis.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 9th instant addressed to the Treasurer of the United States, enclosing check on the Hanover National Bank, New York, for thirty dollars, in payment for thirty medals commemorative of the cruise of the American fleet around the world has been referred to this Bureau and the same has been transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia with instructions to forward to you by express the medals desired.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

62

January 11, 1909.

Mr. J. Bishop Guigle,
Professor of Chemistry,
McMaster University,
Toronto, Canada.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant requesting to be informed as to what is the Remedy of Fineness for coins of the United States, you are respectfully informed that Section 3533 of the Revised Statutes provides that :-

"No ingots shall be used for coinage which differ from the legal standard more than the following proportions, namely: In gold ingots, one-one-thousandth; in silver ingots three-one-thousandths."****

I enclose herewith a copy of the report of the proceedings of the annual assay commission of 1908, upon the test of coins reserved during the calendar year 1907.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Report.

63

January 11, 1909.

Mr. F. H. Hankins,
Asst. Prof. of Economics & Sociology
Clark College, Worcester, Mass.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant requesting a statement showing the currency in circulation among the leading nations of the world, I enclose herewith an advance copy of this statement showing the stock of money in the world December 31, 1907, which will appear in the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908. This report is expected from the Public Printer in the course of a few days, and a copy will be mailed to you.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

275170

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Medals - fleet departure

64

January 11, 1909.

Miss Elizabeth Lynch,
55 Eye Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Madam:

Agreeable with your request of the 7th instant, enclosing three dollars, I send you today by mail under another cover, three medals commemorating the departure of the fleet on its trip around the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

s

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

65

January 11, 1909.

Mr. W. H. Pearce,
3837 Shoshone St.,
Denver, Colorado.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 6th instant you are respectfully informed that there is no mint located in Washington, D. C. The mints of the United States are located at Philadelphia, Pa.; San Francisco, Cal.; New Orleans, La.; Denver, Colo.

The Bureau of Engraving and Printing, where paper currency is engraved, is located in Washington.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

66

January 11, 1909.

Hon. Ernest M. Pollard,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 8th instant I enclose herewith a circular relative to the purchase of uncurrent gold and silver coins at the Mint and Assay Offices of the United States. Worn silver coin, so long as it does not bear evidence of having been fraudulently abraded, is redeemed by the Treasurer of the United States at its face value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Medals - fleet departure

67

January 11, 1909.

Robt. R. Reed, Asst. Treasurer,
R-425 Union Station,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Sir:

Agreeable with your request of the 8th instant, enclosing one dollar, I forward you today by Adams Express one medal commemorating the departure of the United States fleet on its trip around the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

s 275203

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

68

January 11, 1909.

Mr. W. P. Sinnett,
Cashier, Market Street National Bank,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant you are respectfully informed that in order to obtain the coins desired you should forward your check for $450 to the Treasurer of the United States with the request that he authorize the Superintendent of the Mint to ship by Express to the Wilkes-Barre Deposit and Savings Bank, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., the following coins of 1909:-

$300 in dimes.
100 in nickels
50 in cent pieces.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

275230

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Medals - fleet departure

69

January 11, 1909.

Mr. F. D. Sherman,
158 West 105th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Agreeable with your request of the 7th instant, enclosing one dollar, I mail you today under separate cover one medal commemorating the departure of the United States fleet on its trip around the world.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

70

January 12,1909.

Mr. G. W. Alexander,
#850 College Avenue,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 7th instant, I enclose herewith tables showing showing the values of silver bullion monthly, for the last two years.

The last report of the Director of the Mint will be sent you as soon as received from the printing office.

Respectfully,

A. B. Bristow

Acting Director of the Mint.

B

(Enclosures).

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Value of gold.

71

January 12, 1909.

J. Price Patterson,
P. O. Box 868,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant you are respectfully informed that an ounce of standard gold, - that is, - gold containing nine parts of pure gold and one part of copper alloy, - is worth $18.60465 per Troy ounce. Fine, or pure gold is worth $20.671834 per ounce.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

275268

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Silver dollars 1878.

72

January 12, 1909.

Mr. A. Floyd Scott,
315 N 14th Street,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant you are respectfully informed that on the silver dollars coined during the first two months of 1878 there were eight feathers in the eagle's tail. This was found to give a crowded appearance and the number of feathers in the eagle's tail was reduced to seven.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

275269

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

73

January 12, 1909.

Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Company,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:

I enclose herewith a copy of letter received from the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, Colorado, relative to the larger of the two coining presses made by you for that institution, which I will thank you to read and suggest a remedy for the defects referred to by the Superintendent in his letter.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

275301

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

74

RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 13, 1909.

To American Smelting & Refining Company,

165 Broadway
New York, N. Y.

Will accept one hundred thousand ounces for delivery at New York at today's market rate.

Leach
Director Mint.

Cent. Ex. Mint Bureau, 1909.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—4258

STOCK FORM 1758 B.
DIV. P. AND S.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

75

January 13, 1909.

American Smelting and Refining Company,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Assay Office of the United States at New York has been instructed to receive from you 100,000 ounces of silver purchased this day and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.52996 for the silver .999 fine contained.

This price is based upon the following: London rate, ~~24½~~ 24¼ pence, sight exchange, $4.8745 and parity, $0.532462274 minus .0025, making the net settlement price $0.52996.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Medals & Special

76

January 18, 1909.

Mr. Judd Stewart,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Stewart:

I send you under another cover today by express the four medals, two of each kind, which you have been desirous of obtaining.

I enclose herewith a voucher in your favor to the amount of six dollars. Upon your signing the voucher I will be able to collect the money which I will use to defray the cost of the medals. Please sign the voucher where indicated in lead pencil and return to me.

Yours truly,

Director of the Mint.

FAL

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

77

January 13, 1909.

Mr. Robert L. Cooke,
54 Bank Street,
Attleboro, Mass.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 9th instant relative to making thin castings of silver, copper and other metals, I would respectfully suggest that you consult the following publications:-

MIXED METALS, by A. H. HIORNS.

THE GOLDSMITHS' HANDBOOK, and THE SILVERSMITHS' HANDBOOK.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

275295

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Annual Assay Commission

78

January 13, 1909.

Hon. Wm. B. McKinley,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. McKinley:

Yours of the 11th instant, in relation to the appointment of Mr. Ashbrook on the Assay Commission, received. I regret very much that I cannot send Mr. Ashbrook's name into the President for appointment. I had his name on the list, but it had to go off with a number of others owing to the pressure being brought for appointment this year. I had hoped to return several members of last year's commission, but it looks now as if I would not be able to secure the appearance of a single member.

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

79

January 13, 1909.

Mr. W. A. Morschhauser,
1 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I will thank you to state the lowest price at which you will deliver to the Assay Office at Helena, Montana, one eight-figure Millionaire Calculating Machine.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Annual Assay Commission

80

January 13, 1909.

Hon. R. O. Moon,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Your letter of the 12th instant, recommending Prof. O. L. Shinn for appointment on the Assay Commission, just received. I regret very much that this recommendation was not sent in at an earlier date when I should have been most pleased to have sent Mr. Shinn's name into the President for appointment, but the list is now closed and it is too late for me to make the recommendation.

Yours truly,

Director of the Mint.

FALE 375334

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

81

January 13, 1908.

Honorable Francis G. Newlands,
United States Senate.

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 4th instant, I have the honor to submit the following figures for the gold, silver, and copper production of Nevada:-

Gold was 4th in rank of production in 1907;
Silver, 4th " " " " " do.
Copper, 12th " " " " " do

The production of the Goldfield mines in 1907 was:-

Gold, $9,468,386;
Silver, 71,710 fine ounces.

From 1903 to 1907, inclusive, the total production of the Goldfield mines was:- Gold, $19,730,150;
Silver, 116,188 ounces,
valued at 74,530

A total of,- $19,804,680

The total output of the Comstock Lode since its discovery, was $374,874,886.16. A table is submitted, enclosed herewith, giving the product of gold and silver separately.

The total production of Nevada, from the earliest discovery of the metals, was,- Gold, $348,523,779;
Silver, 364,531,726.

A table giving the above figures yearly is enclosed herewith.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

82

The production of copper was, from its earliest discovery up to 1882 estimated at 3,000,000 pounds; and from 1882 to 1907, inclusive, 6,605,054 pounds; for 1908 it is estimated at 8,000,000 pounds; a total product of 17,605,054 pounds.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

(Enclosures).

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Appointments and changes

83

January 13, 1909.

Mr. R. E. Preston,
5300 E. 11th St.,
Kansas City, Missouri.

Sir:

Your letter of the 8th instant, addressed to Mr. Chas. Lyman, Chief of the Appointment Division, has been referred to me for reply. In relation to the positions in the new assay office recently established at Salt Lake City, Utah, I have to advise you that examinations have been held by the Civil Service Commission to establish eligible lists for the places there, consequently, under a regulation of the Commission, such positions cannot now be filled by transfer. I return herewith your papers.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

File

s 275816

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Medals

84

January 13, 1900.

Mr. Robert R. Reed, Asst. Treasurer,
Union Station,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Sir:

Not having any medals here from which to fill your order, I have sent your draft to the Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint requesting him to send you the medals desired. If you fail to receive them let me know.

I am greatly pleased that the medals are meeting with such favorable criticism.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Appointments and changes

85

January 18, 1909.

Mr. Paul Wagner,
La Petra Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant, making enquiry concerning the position of clerk-translator in this office, received. As I believe I explained to you at the time of our interview, the position of translator in the Mint Bureau had been abolished at that time and would not be recreated unless the need became imperative. So far I have found no necessity for re-establishing the position of translator.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

86

January 14, 1909.

Mr. I. Steinhart, Mgr.,
Anlo-Californian Bank, Ltd.,
San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mr. Steinhart:

Your letter of the 9th instant, requesting payment for the silver recently delivered to the Denver mint to be paid in on your account to the Denver National Bank, received. The Superintendent of the mint at Denver has been instructed to comply with your request.

Yours truly,

Director of the Mint.

275325

K.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

87

January 14, 1909.

U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has submitted for approval the transfer of Jacob Cook from the position of Helper (Machinist's) Schedule D, Subdivision 1, at a compensation of $3.50 per diem, to the position of Coin Counter, Schedule D, Subdivision 2, at a compensation of $3.50 per diem.

It is respectfully requested that the Civil Service Commission take action upon this request, reporting their decision to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

275326

K.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

88

January 14, 1909.

The U. S. Civil Service Commission,
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has submitted for approval the transfer of George W. Williams from the position of Coin Counter, (Schedule D, Subdivision 2) at a compensation of $3.50 per diem, to the position of painter, (Schedule D, Subdivision 1) at a compensation of $3.75 per diem.

It is respectfully requested that the Civil Service Commission take action upon this request, reporting their decision to this Bureau as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

A O Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

275327

K.

✓

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

89

January 14, 1909.

The Chief Clerk,
State Department.

Sir:

At the request of the American Ambassador at St. Petersburg I transmit herewith a copy of the Report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1908, for the Governor of the State Bank, St. Petersburg, Russia.

I will thank you to kindly forward the same.

Respectfully,

A. B. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

90

January 14, 1909.

Mr. W. M. Geddes,
Room No. 380, Treasury Department.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant relative to obtaining a complete set of Presidential medals, and asking to be advised as to the cost of the same, you are respectfully informed that at the present time the price of these medals is two dollars a piece, but the matter of reducing the price is now under consideration. The price will probably be reduced in the course of a short time. Unless you have some special reason for obtaining the medals immediately, I would suggest that you delay the matter a short time.

Respectfully,

R. Atwater

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

91

January 14, 1909.

Mr. Adam A. Geller,
150 Harmon Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant addressed to Honorable Charles B. Law, House of Reptesentatives, has been referred to this Bureau for reply, and you are respectfully informed that this Office does not publish a book or report upon alloys. For information on this subject I would suggest that you consult the following publications:

Mixed Metals, by Hiorns.

Brass and Iron Founder, by Larkin.

Metals and Their Application, by C. Alder Wright.

Respectfully,

A. Piatt Andrew

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

92

January 14, 1909.

Hon. Charles B. Law,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

I return herewith the letter of Mr. A. A. Geller, referred by you to this Bureau for reply, and enclose a copy of letter addressed by this Office to Mr. Geller, relative to alloys.

Respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

93

January 14, 1909.

Miss Florence Twiss,
Meadow Grove, Nebraska.

Miss:

In reply to your letter of the 5th instant requesting information relative to the use of copper in the coinage of one-cent pieces you are respectfully informed that copper for this purpose is purchased as required by the Government after it has been extracted from the ores and refined by the producers. The mints and assay offices do not receive anything in the form of ores.

The total production of copper in the United States during the calendar year 1907, is estimated to have been 879,242,000 pounds. There were used by the Government in the coinage of the one-cent pieces 704,445-3/4 pounds of copper, and in the coinage of five-cent nickel pieces 324,194-3/10 pounds of copper, during the calendar year 1907. The coinage of five-cent nickel pieces amounted to 39,214,800 pieces of the value of $1,960,740. There were coined in one-cent pieces in 1907, 106,138,600 pieces of the value of $1,081,386. The five-cent nickel piece contains 75 per cent of copper and 25 percent of nickel. The one-cent piece contains 95 percent of copper and five per-cent of tin and zinc.

I have sent you under separate cover a copy of Department Circular #62, and a copy of Mint Processes, and would call your attention to the article in the latter entitled "From Mine to Mint."

Respectfully,

A. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

94

January 14, 1909.

J. Wassermann & Co.,
24-26 Stone Street,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant I enclose herewith a list of manufacturers of Mint machinery.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

274841

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Charges and reporting on bullion deposits

95

January 14, 1909.

Messrs. Zimmerman & Forshay,
9 and 11 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

Your letter of the 11th instant, together with enclosures, received. I am sorry to say I cannot see any way at this time to comply with your request for the government to allow a closer finding than one-half thousandth on the gold contents of bullion deposits of mixed metals. This limit is due to the fact that so far scientific men have been unable to find any practical method of assaying that will reliably determine the gold contents nearer than one-half thousandth in this kind of bullion.

It is only in recent years, since the introduction of the electrolytic method of refining, which produces practically pure gold, that we have been able to determine the gold contents to the exactness of one-tenth of a thousandth, and up to that time it was the custom of the government to report on fine gold to the quarter of a thousandth; but as soon as the government saw its way clear to narrow the limit to one-tenth it readily did so.

Last summer I had a number of experiments made of a different process of assaying such bullion as is described in your memorandum of deposit with the hope of evolving a plan that would permit of reporting closer than we do now, but the results so far obtained do not warrant the changing of our present rule.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

96

It has been my policy to make the rules and methods of dealing with depositors such as would give to them every allowance possible. The old-time methods of making deductions for supposed losses in operations and refining, which were practiced in all institutions, have been eliminated, and no deductions are now made except in cases of extreme foul deposits. Other rules have been adopted in furthering the interests of depositors, but I have yet been unable to see my way clear to meet the request embodied in your letter.

In conclusion, I wish to call your attention to the fact that the memorandum from Mr. Scully which you enclosed does not seem to bear out your contention, for the gold fineness in each case is reported only to the half thousandth (.0215 - .0205 - .0195).

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

2 enclosures returned herewith.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Medals - special

97

January 15, 1909.

Mr. Judd Stewart,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Stewart:

I am glad to know you received the medals and that they pleased you. I forgot to mention that in due course of time you will receive a check for the six dollars from the disbursing department, which please endorse and return to me.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

98

January 15, 1909.

Mr. S. L. Heuser,
805 South 19th Street,
Louisville, Ky.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant, enclosing stamp, relative to special stamp for mourning envelopes, has been received and referred to the Postmaster-General of the United States.

Respectfully,

A. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

275424

✓

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

990

January 15, 1909.

Mr. W. A. Morschhauser
1 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

Your offer of the 14th instant to deliver f.o.b., New York, one eight place Millionaire calculating machine to be sent to Helena, Montana, for the sum of $400.00 is accepted.

I will thank you to deliver the machine to one of the express companies for transportation to Helena. I enclose herewith a bill of lading covering the shipment, and also a request to the Express Company to receive it and form of receipt to be given you by the Express Company for the machine. I also enclose blank form of voucher upon which you will please render your account, forwarding the same to the Assayer in Charge, U. S. Assay Office, Helena, Montana, who will, upon receipt of the machine, remit you a check for the amount, namely: $400.00.

Respectfully,

A. B. Priestley

Acting Director of the Mint

271867
275286

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

100

January 15, 1909.

Mr. W. S. Pierce,
358 Park Place,
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Sir:

In reply to the inquiries contained in your letter of the 12th instant the following is respectfully submitted:

The coinage now executed by the United States is as follows:

In gold:-

The double eagle or twenty dollar piece.
The eagle or ten dollar piece.
The half eagle or five dollar piece.
The quarter eagle or two and one-half dollar piece.

In silver:-

The half dollar.
The quarter dollar.
The dime.

In minor coins:-

The five-cent nickel piece.
The one-cent bronze piece.

The allow of the gold coins consists of nine parts gold and one part copper.

The silver coins consist of nine parts silver and one part copper alloy.

The minor coins- the five-cent nickel piece consists of 75 percent copper and 25 percent nickel. The one-cent bronze piece consists of 95 percent copper, 3 percent tin and 2 percent zinc.

The coinage mints of the United States are located at Philadelphia, Denver, San Francisco and New Orleans. The assay offices of the United States are located at New York, Charlotte, N. C., St. Louis, Mo.,

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

101

Deadwood, South Dakota; Salt Lake City, Utah; Boise, Idaho; Helena, Montana; Seattle, Washington; Carson, Nevada.

I enclose herewith for your information a copy of Department Circular giving the value of foreign coins issued January 1, 1909. The value of the gold coins of the several countries of the world with a gold standard is based upon what they will produce in United States gold coins. The value of the silver coins is based upon the average price of silver for the three prededing months.

I also enclose a copy of Department Circular #62, and would respectfully refer you to pages 16, 17, 23 and 51.

Respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

102

January 15, 1909.

Mrs. Ella Taylor,
Southanna, Louisa Co., Va.

Madam:-

In reply to your letter of the 12th instant you are respectfully informed that old gold jewelry is received at the Mint at Philadelphia and the value paid as determined by melt and assay.

It is proper to say that you would probably be disappointed in the amount you would receive for old jewelry referred to, in case you send the same to the Mint, as the cost of the of manufacture and the retail dealers profits are not considered in determining the value of old jewelry.

Respectfully,

A O Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

275360

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

103

January 16, 1909.

Mr. Holly Brown,
West Palm Beach, Florida.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant enclosing a portion of a one dollar note has been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States who will communicate with you.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

275360

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

1104

January 16, 1909.

Mr. R. N. Eggleston,
Muskogee, Okla.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant you are respectfully informed that the piece enclosed by you is what is known as a "spiel mark" struck as a gambling device for the purpose of deception. The practice of the Department is not to return these pieces when received and the piece forwarded by you has been transmitted to the Secret Service Division, Treasury Department, for destruction.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

105

January 16, 1909.

The Secretary,

International Exchange Service,

Smithsonian Institution.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward through the Exchange, to the following named persons, the copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint, for the fiscal year 1908, transmitted to you under separate cover:

Dr. Adickes, Mayor, Frankford on the Main, Germany.
Sr. Acunador de la Casa de Moneda, Mexico City, Mexico.
Administration des Monnaies et Medailles, Paris, France.
American Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 276, Naples, Italy.
Annales des Mines, Quai des Grands Augustius 49, Paris, France.
Australian Ins.& Banking Record, 479 Collins St., Melbourne, Australia.
Austria Hungarian Bank, Vienna, Austria.
Banco de Venequela, Caracas, Venezuela, S. A.
Bankers Magazine, 85 and 86 London Wall, London, England.
Bank of England, London E. C., England.
Bank of France, Paris, France.
Secretary General of the Bank of France, Paris, France.
Imperial Bank of Germany, Berlin, Germany.
Robert Bell, Esq., Acting Director, Geological Survey, Ottawa, Canada.
Dr. Jacques Bertillon, 1 Ave. Victoria, Paris, France.
The Board of Trade Journal, London, England.
G. M. Boissevain, Tesselschade Straat 4, Amsterdam, Holland.
Hon. Advefo Bonifaz, Director Gen'l. Casa Nicional de Moneda, Potosi, Bolivia, S. A.
British Columbia Board of Trade, Victoria, British Columbia.
The British Library of Political Science, Clare Market, London, W. C., England.
Secretary of the Broken Hill Proprietary Co., Melbourne, Australia.
Bank of England, "Bullion Office," London, England.
Bureau of Central Statistique, The Hague, Netherlands.
Bureau of Central Statistics, Kristiania, Norway.
Director, Bureau of Mines, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

106

Henry T. Bovey, Esq., F. R. S. Head of Scientific Dept., McGill University, Montreal Canada.
Bibliothek des Reichstages, Berlin, N. W., Germany.
Walter Hy. Barnard, Esq., 24 Lime Street, London, E. C., England.
Mr. F. H. Bothurst, Financial Editor, The Argus, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
Bibliothek des Vereins fur die Bergbaulichen, Interessen in Essen-Ruhr, Essen-Ruhr, Germany.
Alberto M. Carreno, P.O. Box 73 B, San Augustin 316, Mexico City, Mexico.
The Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, Canada.
Chamber of Commerce, Liverpool, England.
Witwatersrand Chamber of Mines, Johannesburg, South Africa.
Chief, Division of Currency, Office of the Treasurer of the P. I., Manila, P. I.
Chief, Statictical Division, Office of the Sec'y. of State and Public Finances, Mexico, Mexico.
The Chu-Gai Shogyo-Shin Co., Kitashumacho-Niphombashi, Tokyo, Japan.
Hon. T. A. Coghlan, Syndey, New South Wales, Australia.
Canadian Mining Journal, Confederation Life Building, Toronto, Canada.
Richard Calwer, Esq., Pragerstrasse 30, Berlin, W. 50, Germany.
Sr. Director de la Casa de Moneda, Mexico City, Mexico.
Prof. Riccard Dala Volta, Via Landino 1, Florence, Italy.
Arthur Dansereau, Esq., La Presse, Montreal, P. Q., Canada.
Hon. A. de Foville, Paris, France.
M. G. De Molinari, Journal des Economiste, Rue Richellen 14, Paris, France.
Department of Mines, Office of Provincial Mineralogist, Victoria, British Columbia, Canada.
Hon. Henry de Smidt, Treasury Department, Capa Town, Africa.
Manager, Deutsche Bank, No. 4 George Yard Lombard St., London, E.C. England.
Geo. Handasyde Dick, 136 Buchanan Street, Glasgow, Scotland.
Direccion General de Estadistica, Guatemala, Guatemala.
Director General del Tesor Publico, Ministerio de Hacienda, Madrid, Spain.
Director General of Statistics, Asuncion, Paraguay.
S. Echagaray, Chief, Statistical Branch, Secretary of Finance, Mexico, Mexico.
Ecole Libre des Sciences Politiques, 27 Rue St. Guillaume, Paris, France.
The Economist & Weekly Commercial Times, London, England.
Journal des Economist, 14 Rue Richelieu, Paris, France.
Prof. Luigi Einaudi, Editor La Reforma Sociale, Turin, Italy.
Konrad E. R. Engel, Essen (Ruhr) Lindenalla 67, Prussia, Germany.
Prof. J. Esslen, Political Economy University of Zurich, Zurich, Switzerland.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

107

Faculte de Droit, Place du Pantheon, Paris, France.
M. Fedoroff, Ministere des Finances, St. Petersburg, Russia.
Mr. G. Francais, 15 Rue St. Albin, Donai, France.
Malcolm A. C. Fraser, Government Statisticans Office, Perth, W. Australia.
Free Reference Library, King Street, Manchester, England.
Hon. C. W. Fremanth, 4 Lower Sloane Street S. W., London, England.
Gluckauf Mining Weekly, Essen (Rhur), Germany.
Governor of the Bank of Japan, Tokyo, Japan.
Government Statist, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia.
Hon. C. J. Gray, Commissioner of Mines, Petermaritzburg, Natal, South Africa.
The Governor National Bank of Belgium, Brussels, Belgium.
Hon. C. Haage, The Danish Minister of Finance, Copenhagen, Denmark.
Hamburgische Munze, Norderstrass 66, Hamburg 7, Germany.
Dr. M. Hanal, Kanonierstr 40, Berlin W. S., Germany.
President Heiligenstadt, C/o Preussische Genessenhafts-Kasse, Berlin, Germany.
E. Heinemann, Gothen Strasse 4, Schoneberg, Berlin, Germany.
Alberto Hermann, Santiago, Chile.
H. G. Hirsch, Banque Internationale, Brussels, Belgium.
Dr. C. Hoitsema, Royal Mint, Utrecht, Netherlands. (2)
Sir Wm Houldsworth, 35 Grosvener Place, London S. W., England.
Dr. Huber, Schloss Strasse 36, Stuttgart, Germany.
The Institute of Bankers, 34 Clements Lane E. C., London, England.
Dr. Justus Ichenhauser, Altonaerstrasse 36, Berlin N. W. 23, Germany.
Imperial Ottoman Bank, Constantinople, Turkey.
Imperial Royal University, Library of Prague, Bohemia, Austria.
Institute of Social Science University, Stockholm, Sweden.
R. Logan Jack, Surrey Chambers, Perth, W. Australia.
Alfred E. Jessup, Esq., C/o American Consul, Tientsin, China.
Journal de la Industrie et du Commerce, St. Petersburg, Russia.
Mr. P. Kirkegaard, Delero Mining & Reduction Co. Delero, Ontario, Canada.
Librarian of the k. k. Statistiche Central Commission, Vienna, Austria.
Mr. Luis Lembeke, Director of the Mint, Lima, Peru.
Library de la Commission Centrala de Statistique, Vienna, Austria.
L'Economiste Francais, Cite Bergere 2, Paris, France.
M. Fernandez Leal, Director of the Mint, Mexico, Mexico.
Prof. W. Lexis, Gottingen, Germany.
Prof. Pierre E. Levasseur, 26 Rue Monsieur L'Prince, Paris, France.
Prof. Ralphael Georges Levy, 26 Avenue Victor Hugo, Paris, France.
Librarian Commercial Intelligence Bureau, 49 and 51 Eastcheap, London E. C., England.
Librarian Tokyo Higher Commercial College, Tokyo, Japan.
Librarian, University Library, Lille, France.
Library de le Commission Central de Statistique, Brussels, Belgium

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

108

International Exchange Service-----4----

Library, Ministry of Finance South Africa, Pretoria, So. Africa.
Library, Patent Office, 25 Southampton Buildings, Chancery Land, London, W. C., England.
Son. J. Y. Limantour, Minister Finance and Commerce, Mexico, Mexico
The London Chamber of Commerce, Botolph House, Eastcheap, London, E. C. England.
The London Statist, 51 Cannon Street, E. C., London, England.
Dr. Walther Lotz, Royal University of Munich, Aim Millerstrasse 4/11, Munchen, Germany.
Hon. Richmond Pearson, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plen'y., Athens, Greece.
Hon. Hamilton King, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Pleny. Bangkok, Siam.
Hon. David J. Hill, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plen'y., Berlin, Germany.
Hon. Thomas C. Dawson, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y., Bogata, Colombia.
Hon. Spencer S. Eddy, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y., Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Hon. Lewis M. Iddings, Agent & Consul General, Cairo, Egypt.
Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y., Caracas, Venezuela.
Hon. John G. A. Leishman, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plen'y., Constantinople, Turkey.
Hon. William Heimke, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y. Guatemala City, Guatemala.
Hon. Edwin V. Morgan, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y, Habana, Cuba.
Hon. James F. Stutesman, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y. LaPaz, Bolivia, S. A.
Hon. Leslie Combs, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y., Lima, Peru. (8)
Hon. Charles P. Bryan, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y. Lisbon, Portugal.
Hon. Davis E. Thompson, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plen'y., Mexico, Mexico.
Hon. Edward C. O'Brien, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y. Montevideo, Uruguay.
Hon. Wm. W. Rockhill, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y. Pekin, China.
Hon. Henry W. Furniss, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y., Port au Prince, Haiti.
Hon. Wm. C. Fox, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y., Quito, Ecuador.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

109

Hon. Irving B. Dudley, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plen'y.,
Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S. A.
Hon. John W. Riddle, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plen'y.,
St. Petersburg, Russia.
Hon. Wm L. Merry, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y.,
San Jose, Costa Rica.
Hon. John Hicks, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y.,
Santiago, Chile. (2)
Hon. Thomas Sammons, U. S. Consul General, Seoul, Korea.
Hon. Charles H. Graves, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y.,
Stockholm, Sweden. (5)
Hon. John B. Jackson, Envoy Extraordinary & Minister Plen'y.,
Teheran, Persia.
Hon. Thomas J. O'Brien, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plen'y.,
Tokyo, Japan.
Hon. Charles S. Francis, Ambassador Extraordinary & Plen'y.,
Vienna, Austria-Hungary.
Hon. Samuel C. Greene, United States Consul, Antofagasta, Chile.
Hon. Julius G. Lay, U. S. Consul General, Cape Town, Cape of Good
Hope, Africa.
Hon. David F. Wilber, U. S. Consul General, Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Hon. Amos P. Wilder, U. S. Consul General, Hongkong, China.
Hon. Jose de Olivares, United States Consul, Managua, Nicaragua.
Hon. John F. Jewell, U. S. Consul General, Melbourne, Australia.
Hon. John G. Foster, U. S. Consul General, Ottawa, Ontario,
Canada.
Hon. Thornwell Haynes, U. S. Consul General, Singapore, Straits
Settlement.
Hon. Edwin N. Gunsaulus, United States Consul, Johannesberg,
Transvaal, South Africa.
Hon. Wm A. Rublee, U. S. Consul General, Vienna, Austria.
Hon. George C. Cole, U. S. Consul, Dawson City, Yukon Territory,
Alaska.
Librarian, Mines Department, P.O. Box 1132, Johannesberg, South
Africa.
Montgomery Jones & Co., The Atlantic Brunswick St., Liverpool,
England.
Mr. Adolph Mader, Con's. de la Cour Bureau D. Estampellage,
Vienna, Austria.
The Editor, Messager des Finances de la Industrie et du Commerce,
St. Petersburg, Russia.
Metallurgische Gesellschaft A. G., Junghofstrasse 14a, Frankfort
on the Main, Germany.
Editor, Mexican Financier, P.O. Box 519, Mexico, Mexico.
Prof. Alex. Miklaschevesky, University Yourieff (Dorpat) Livonia,
Russia.
Directur des Routes de la Navigation et des Mines, Paris, France.
Editor, Mining World, Old Broad Street, London, E. C., England.
Minister de la Interior, St. Petersburg, Russia.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

110

Minister des Finances, St. Petersburg, Russia.
Minister of the Interior and Public Institutions, Brussels, Belgium.
Industrial Commerco Direzion General dell Agricoltura Corpo Reala delle Minere, Ministero di Agricoltura, Rome, Italy.
Deputy Master, Royal Mint, Bombay, India.
Deputy Master, Royal Mint, Calcutta, India.
Deputy Master, Royal Mint, Perth, W. Australia.
Deputy Master, Royal Mint, Sydney, N. S. Wales. Australia.
Director of the Mint, Berne, Switzerland.
Director of the Mint, Hamburg, Germany.
Director of the Mint, Paris, France. (2)
Director General of the National Mint, Potosi, Bolivia, S. A.
Imperial Mint, Berlin, Germany.
Imperial Mint, Osaka, Japan.
Imperial Mint, St. Petersburg, Russia.
Imperial Mint, Vienna, Austria.
Royal Mint, Brussels, Belgium.
Royal Mint, Copenhagen, Denmark.
Royal Mint, Lisbon, Portugal.
Royal Mint, London, England.
Royal Mint, Melbourne, Australia.
Royal Mint, Rome, Italy.
Royal Mint, Stockholm, Sweden.
Royal Mint, Utrecht, Holland.
Mccotta & Goldsmith, 7 Throgmorton Ave., London, E. C., England.
The Director of the Municipal Museums, Liverpool, England.
Mr. Albert B. Martinez, Director Gen'l. de la Estadistica Municipal, Buenos Aires, Argentina.
Frederick Noel Payton, Director General Commercial Intelligence, Calcutta, India.
The First Sub. Governor of the National Bank of Greece, Athens, Greece.
Manager of the National Bank of China, Ltd., 61 Old Broad Street, London, E. C., England.
Dr. Oldenberg, Schwan Allee 6, Marburg (Hassen), Germany.
R. H. Inglis Palgrave, Henstead Hall, Suffolke, England.
Mr. A. D. Provand, 2 Whitehall Court, London, S. W., England.
Santiago Pascoe, Potasi, Bolivia, S. A.
Treasurer of the Philippine Islands, Manila, P. I.
Pixley & Abell, 27 Old Broad Street, London, E. C., England.
Dr. Max Prager, Munchen, Germany.
The Royal Statistical Society, 9 Adelphi Terrace Strand, London, W. C., England.
Redaktion des Schweizerischen Handelsamtsblatts, Berne, Switzerland.
William Redman, Esq., 29 Thurkill Terrace Springmill St., Bradford, England.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

111

Edward Rigg, Esq., Royal Mint, London, England.
J. A. Robertson, Director General Statistics, Simla, British India.
Royal Hungarian Office of Statistics, Budapest, Hungary.
Russian Journal of Financial Statistics, Barbe de Vaux 23 Millionayar St., St. Petersburg, Russia.
N. M. Rothschild & Sons, London, England.
George Safford, The Mining Journal, 46 Queen Victoria Street, London, E. C., England.
Hon. August Sauerbeck, 3 Moorgate St. Buildings, London, E. C., England.
Sharp & Wilkins, 18 Gt. Winchester Street, London, England.
Dr. C. M. Lacey Sites, Nanyang College, Shanghai, China.
Sr. Presidente del Liceo, Biblioteca Publica, Santa Clara, Cuba.
E. G. Stenberg, Acting Register General, Perth, W. Australia.
Prof. Edward Suess, Abgerordneten Haus, Vienna, Austria.
Mr. James C. Smith, Royal Colonial Institute, London, W. C., England.
Mines Department, Statistical Office, Johannesberg, So. Africa.
Dr. Soetbeer, Fernsprechnummer 307, Lohengrinstrasse 28, Wannsee bis Berlin, Germany.
The Treasury Department of the Gov't. of Japan, Tokyo, Japan.
Under Secretary of Mines, Department of Mines, Perth, W. Australia.
Vestnik Zolotopromyshlennosti, Tornsk, Russia.
R. Zeiller, Esq., Ecole Supre des Mines, 60 Boulevard S. Michel, Paris, France.
Zeitschrift fur d Berg Hutten u Salinenivesen, Leipziger Str. 2, Berlin, W. 66, Germany.
Mr. Jos. E. Bastin, 45 Rue de Facqz, Brussels, Belgium.
Mr. Richard Calwer, Wirtschaftstatische Monatsberichte, Pragerstrasse 30, Berlin, W. 50, Germany.
Free Public Library, Liverpool, England.
Mr. L. March, Chief of the Service, Library, General Statistic of France, 97 Quai d' Orsay, Paris, France.
Prof. Miono Yamamoto, Higher Commercial School, Yamaguchi, Japan.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

112

January 16, 1909.

Mr. H. Troemner,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I enclose herewith a sample one milligram rider. Please make six like it of the utmost accuracy.

The loop must be the same size as the sample and set parallel to the legs like the sample.

Respectfully,

R. B. Roberts

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

FPD.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

113

January 16, 1909.

The Waterbury, Farrel, Foundry & Machine Co.,
Waterbury, Conn.

Gentlemen:

This Bureau is in receipt of a letter addressed to you by the Auditor for the Treasury Department on the 15th instant disallowing part payment to you on two coining presses for the Mint at Denver, Colorado, furnished under your contract dated May 27, 1908. The disallowance is made by the Auditor upon the ground that the amount is not a proper charge against the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1908, for the reason that the Sundry Civil Act, dated April 28, 1904, contains a specific appropriation of $90,055.00 for new machinery for the Mint at Denver, which appropriation is exhausted.

When the contract was made with you for these coining presses, it was understood both by this Bureau and the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, that the cost of the same would be paid from the appropriation for Contingent Expenses Mint at Denver, as there would be ample sum remaining to the credit of that appropriation at the end of the fiscal year to make this payment. This office was well aware that the amount to the credit of the appropriation for new machinery, to which the Auditor refers, would be only sufficient to pay you for the rolling mills for which contract was made in March, 1908. I would add that these mills will be paid for promptly.

This Bureau is of the opinion that the cost of the coining presses furnished by you is properly payable from the unexpended

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

114

balance of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses, Mint at Denver, 1908, the contract having been made in that fiscal year, namely, May 27, 1908.

An appeal will be taken immediately by this Bureau to the Comptroller of the Treasury from the decision of the Auditor for the Treasury in this matter. In case the Auditor's views should be sustained by the Comptroller measures will be taken to secure an appropriation before the adjournment of Congress to make payment to you for these presses. There will be no difficulty in procuring this appropriation.

Respectfully,

R. B. Bristow

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

115

January 16, 1909.

Mr. L. C. Williams,
5 Storey Street,
Cambridge, Mass.

Sir:

Your letter of the 14th instant requesting to be furnished with a report of all the mines of the United States has been referred to the Geological Survey.

Respectfully,

A. Foster

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Foreign statistics

116

January 18, 1909.

Imperial Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Dear Sirs:

The compilation of statistics makes it necessary that I renew my annual request to be advised as to the amount of United States gold coin held by your institution at the close of the calendar year 1908.

I shall greatly appreciate your co-operation in this matter, and assure you that the information imparted will be treated confidentially and used solely for statistical purposes in the compilation of aggregates.

Very truly yours,

Director of the Mint.

Copy of above letter sent to other Canadian Banks - see next page.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

United States gold coin held by Canadian Banks at close of year 1908.

117

January 16 - 18, 1909.

Bank of Montreal,
Montreal, Canada.
Quebec Bank,
Quebec, P. Q., Canada
Bank of British North America,
Montreal, Canada.
Bank of Toronto,
Toronto, Canada.
Eastern Townships Bank,
Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada.
Merchants Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.
Canadian Bank of Commerce,
Toronto, Canada.
Dominion Bank,
Toronto, Canada.
Bank of Hamilton,
Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
Banque de St. Jean,
St. John, N. B. Canada
La Banque de St. Hyacinthe,
St. Hyacinthe, Canada.
Imperial Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.
Traders Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.
Metropolitan Bank,
Toronto, Canada.
Home Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.
Farmers Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.
Sterling Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Bank of New Brunswick,
St. John, N. B., Canada
Bank of Nova Scotia,
Toronto, Ont., Canada.
St. Stephens Bank,
St. Stephens, N. B., Canada.
Molsons Bank,
Montreal, Canada.
Union Bank of Halifax,
Halifax, N. S., Canada.
Banque Nationale,
Quebec, Ontario, Canada.
Union Bank of Canada,
Quebec, P. Q., Canada.
Royal Bank of Canada,
Montreal, Canada.
Standard Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.
Banque d'Hochelaga,
Montreal, Canada.
Bank of Ottawa,
Ottawa, Canada.
Western Bank of Canada,
Ottawa, Canada.
Sovereign Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.
Crown Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.
Northern Bank,
Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
Banque Provinciale di Canda,
Montreal, Canada.
United Empire Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Canada.

Deputy Minister of Finance,
Finance Department,
Ottawa, Canada.

Bank of Nova Scotia
Re Newfoundland
Cuba
Jamaica

Union Bank of Halifax
Re Porto Rico
Trinidad

s 260246

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

118

January 18, 1909.

Mr. A. S. Baldwin,
Hotel Belmont,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Baldwin:

I am very sorry that I did not have the pleasure of seeing you before your departure. I appreciate very much your kind expression of interest in the welfare of my wife, and regret that her illness prevented further discussion with you regarding your business here. However, I think I understand the situation thoroughly now.

With regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALc

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

119

January 18, 1909.

Mr. Morris Carter, Secretary,
Museum of Fine Arts,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 16th instant, together with the $7.50 enclosed therein. I will send this money to the Superintendent of the mint at Philadelphia with instructions to forward you the two coins requested.

There were no variations in these coins whatever; in other words, no change was made from the original pattern piece.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Appointments and changes

120

January 18, 1909.

Mr. Frank E. Graham,
United States Mint,
San Francisco, Calif.

Sir:

Your letter of the 11th instant received. I also received in the same mail a letter from Superintendent Sweeny. I have explained the situation to him in a letter of this date, the contents of which he will undoubtedly inform you.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FAL:

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

121

January 18, 1909.

Rev. Arthur M. Griffin,
Grace Church Rectory,
Chillicothe, Mo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant you are respectfully informed that a fleet medal can be procured by enclosing $1.08 to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia. The 8 cents is for the purpose of registration.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

275492

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

122

January 18, 1909.

Mr. J. M. R. Jenkins,
509 Copper Street,
El Paso, Texas.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant you are respectfully informed that there were coined during the calendar year 1893, 6,333,245 standard silver dollars.

The Government pays no premium upon any issue of coins.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

275492

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

123

January 18, 1909.

Mr. E. H. Johnson,

103 Johnson Ave.,
Sayee, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant you are respectfully informed that the Government does not employ any person to travel for the purpose of purchasing either old gold or precious stones. Any person representing himself as such is guilty of an attempt at fraud.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

275502

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

124

January 18, 1909.

Hon. William H. Stafford,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant addressed to the Director of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, has been referred to this Office for reply. You are respectfully informed that the medals commemmorative of the cruise of the Atlantic fleet around the world can be procured by addressing the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, enclosing one dollar for each medal, and if desired, eight cents additional for registration fee.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

125

January 18, 1909.

Mr. Edwin R. Leach,
Melter & Refiner, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested as early as practicable after receiving this letter to proceed to the United States Mint at Denver and at Philadelphia and to the Assay Office of the United States at New York, for the purpose of familiarizing yourself with the operations of the Melter & Refiner's department of those institutions, and especially the operations of the electrolytic refinery at Denver and Philadelphia. You will be careful to examine and ascertain if there are any appliances in these institutions that could with advantage be introduced into the refinery of the Mint at San Francisco. You will visit Denver on your way east, as it is desirable that you go on your return by way of New Orleans. You will stop on your way from Denver to Philadelphia at Washington for the purpose of conference with the Director of the Mint. Instructions will be given you hereafter in regard to your visit to the Mint at New Orleans.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses, excepting railway and Pullman accommodations, will be paid from the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion, Mint at San Francisco.

Respectfully,

Approved:

L. A. Coolidge
Assistant Secretary.

Frank A. Leach
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

126

January 19, 1909.

Hon. J. A. M. Adair,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant you are respectfully informed that coin dealers pay a small premium for silver dollars coined in 1799, the premium depending upon the condition of the coin.

Respectfully,

A B Bruce

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

127

January 19, 1909.

William B. Dana Company,

88 Pine Street,

New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I return herewith your account for the subscription of this Bureau to the COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL CHRONICLE from January 1, 1908 to January 1, 1909, with the request that you will render the same upon the enclosed form of voucher, and when received a disbursing officer's check will be forwarded to you for the amount.

Respectfully,

R. O. Bratton

Acting Director of the Mint.

275592

Enclosure.

K.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

128

January 19, 1909.

Doldt Coin-Handling Machine Co.,
Post Office Square Building,
Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant you are respectfully informed that there is no intention of changing the diameter or thickness of the five-cent nickel piece. At present the diameter of that coin is .835 and the thickness of the same .078.

Respectfully,

A. B. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

275592

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

129

January 19, 1909.

Mr. Edward J. Fisher,
Jamison Block,
Williamsport, Pa.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant relative to procuring a set of Philippine coins for the year 1908, has been referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department.

Respectfully,

A. B. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

130

January 19, 1909.

Miss Mabel Kellogg,
209 E First Street,
Corning N. Y.

Miss:

In reply to your letter of the 16th instant you are respectfully informed that you can obtain 25 one-cent pieces of the coinage of 1909 by forwarding 25 cents in stamps or money to the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

A B Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

131

January 19, 1909.

Mr. H. T. Shaw,
Cashier, Bank of Madison,
Madison, Ga.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 15th instant you are respectfully informed that the coinage of the $2.50 gold piece has not been discontinued.

Respectfully,

A. B. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

132

January 19, 1909.

Mr. C. H. Sherman,
Assayer, U. S. Mint,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th instant enclosing receipt for premium on your bond has been received and referred to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Respectfully,

A. P. Bostwick

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

133

January 19, 1909.

Mr. A. M. Thomas,
C/. Marine Hospital,
San Francisco, Cal.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 13th instant I am sending you under separate cover a pamphlet on mint processes which will give you full information as to assaying in the Mint Service.

Respectfully,

A. B. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

134

January 19, 1909.

Mr. Ernest Willerford,
Flationa, Texas.

Sir:

Your letter of the 15th instant enclosing two five cent pieces has been received. The two five-cent nickel pieces are returned herewith and you are respectfully informed that the Government pays no premium upon any issue of coins. There were 5,482,409 five-cent nickel pieces coined without the word "Cent". in 1883

Respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

275588

275594

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

135

January 19, 1909.

Mr. B. F. Wilkinson,
Napanoch, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant requesting information relative to mines and mining has been received and referred to the Commissioner General of the Land Office, Interior Department, Washington, D. C., who will communicate with you.

Respectfully,

A. B. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

275584

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Medals - fleet departure

136

January 20, 1909.

Mr. Charles E. Barber,
Engraver, United States Mint,
Philadelphia, Penna.

My dear Mr. Barber:

In order that the President might be advised of the success attending the issue of the "Fleet Medal," I wrote him on the 19th instant, in substance as follows:

> My dear Mr. President:
>
> It is with great satisfaction and pleasure that I report to you the success of the first effort to carry into effect your suggestion for popularizing public interest in medalic art. The issue of the "Fleet Medal" has met with a very warm reception. We have received an order for thirty from Milwaukee, and an order for twenty-five from one of the Washington Banks, as well as several orders of from three to five, and scores of single orders.
>
> I enclose a sample letter for a second order and also some sample newspaper clippings, which will tend to prove that the citizens of our country can be interested in art productions of this kind.

I received a letter in reply saying that the result was very pleasing to the President. Inasmuch as you have been such a prominent factor in securing this result, you should know these facts. I enclose herewith the letter and clippings above referred to. You may keep the clippings, if desired, but please return the letter for our files.

With the kindest regards, I am,

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Silver purchases

137

January 20, 1909.

Mr. Edward Brush, Vice President,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Brush:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I would say the reason that we did not buy on Friday was because of the purchase earlier in the week. These purchases for New York go indirectly into the coinage of subsidiary, and, as the subsidiary coin is still accumulating, I did not feel justified in making an extra purchase. Unless the accumulation of subsidiary in the Treasury should cease within the next few weeks, we shall probably have to stop buying altogether. However, the accumulation in January is not unexpected. If we should make up our minds to stop buying I will let you know.

Yours truly,

Director of the Mint.

TALs 275630

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

138

January 20, 1909.

Hon. Edwin Denby,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant you are respectfully informed that heretofore the Presidential medals struck have been under the control of the Inaugural Committee. I am unable to advise you what steps have been taken toward the striking of the commemorative medal for the inauguration of Judge Taft as President of the United States.

Respectfully,

R. O. Johnston
Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

139

January 20, 1909.

Mr. A. W. Downing,
C/. U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and requested to visit Washington for conference with the Supervising Architect relative to the foundation required for the machinery of the Mint Exhibit at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. The enclosed form of voucher, when you have rendered your services, will be sufficient for the purpose of your voucher.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and sibsistence expenses will be paid upon your rendering an account of the same.

Respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

Approved:

L. A. Coolidge

Assistant Secretary.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

140

January 20, 1909.

Mr. Z. D. Gilman,
627 Pennsylvania Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I enclose herewith your account for nitric acid delivered for the use of the Laboratory of this Bureau, with the request that you will render the same upon the enclosed form of voucher, and when received a disbursing officer's check will be remitted you for the amount, namely:-$12.51.

Respectfully,

A. Atherton

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

141

January 20, 1909.

Hon. E. A. Morse,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

Your letter of the 19th instant addressed to the Comptroller of the Currency has been referred to this Bureau. In reply you are respectfully informed that the number of silver dollars coined during the calendar year 1884 was 28,470,039, all of which are outstanding. There was no error in the coinage of these pieces. No premium is paid by coin dealers for these coins.

Respectfully,

A O Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

142

RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Bureau of the Mint.

Washington, January 20, 1909.

TO

A. P. Nye,
Sacramento, California.

Can you accept appointment as annual assay commissioner as requested in Director's letter. Wire collect.

A. D. Preston
Acting Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent expenses, Bureau Mint 1909
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—4258

STOCK FORM 1768 B.
DIV. P. AND S.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

143

January 20, 1909.

ST. PAUL DISPATCH,

Information Bureau,

St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant you are respectfully informed that one million silver dollars when first issued from the Mint weigh 58,928.57 avoirdupois pounds. One million new one-dollar bills weigh about 2,900 avoirdupois pounds. One million dollars in new subsidiary silver coin would weigh 55,114.28 avoirdupois pounds.

Respectfully,

A. A. Boston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

144

January 20, 1909.

S. E. Young, M. D.
Baywood, Va.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant relative to the number of quarter eagles coined during the fiscal year 1908 has been received. In reply you are respectfully informed that the fiscal year runs from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the following year. The 65 pieces alluded to by you as having been coined in 1908, bear the date of 1907. No quarter eagles were coined in 1908 until November, the coinage for the balance of the year aggregating 565,057 pieces of the value of $1,412,642.50.

The last coinage of silver dollars was made in 1904 and amounted to 8,812,650 pieces. Of this number 310 were coined from July 1st to December 31st,-the first six months of the fiscal year 1905.

You can obtain a $2.50 gold piece from the Treasurer of the United States in exchange for other money.

Respectfully,

R. O. Bratton

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

145

January 20, 1909.

Mr. A. R. Wilbur,
418 Forest Street,
Arlington, N. J.

Sir:

Your letter of the 18th instant, enclosing a portion of a one dollar note, and a mutilated dime, has been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States who will communicate with you.

Respectfully,

A. B. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

146

January 21, 1909.

Mr. P. J. Hoffmann,
Mr. Geo. A. Glaum,
Cashier, First State Savings Bank,
Evart, Michigan.

Sir: In reply to your letter of the 10th instant you are respectfully informed that the mints of the United States located at Philadelphia, San Francisco, Denver and New Orleans are unable to say which one of these points is nearer to Whitefish, Montana. Enclosed herewith a card which will give you the names of the assay offices located in the United States at which assays of ores are made.

Respectfully,

A. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

Respectfully,

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

147

January 21, 1909.

Mr. P. J. Hoffmann,
Whitefish, Montana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 10th instant you are respectfully informed that there are assay offices of the United States located at Helena, Montana, and Boise, Idaho. I am unable to say which one of these points is nearer to Whitefish. I enclose herewith a card which will give you the names of the Assay Offices of the United States at which assays of ores are made.

Respectfully,

A. Johnston

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

148

RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN: Washington, January 21, 1909

Bureau of the Mint

TO

T. A. Rickard,
667 Howard Street,
San Francisco, California.

Can you serve on Assay Commission Philadelphia February tenth and eleventh. Traveling expenses allowed. Wire answer collect.

Frank A. Leach
Director Mint.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR Contingent expenses, Bureau Mint 1909.
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

STOCK FORM 1758 G.
DIV. P. AND S.

9—4258

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

149

January 21, 1909.

Assistant Secretary,
Senate Chamber,
General Assembly, State of Indiana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 18th instant the following statement exhibits the bullion value of Mexican dollar at the annual average price of silver per ounce fine from 1880 to 1908, inclusive:-

1880	-----	$0.89976	1894	-----	$0.49879
1881	-----	.88972	1895	-----	.51394
1882	-----	.89233	1896	-----	.53090
1883	-----	.87121	1897	-----	.47490
1884	-----	.87273	1898	-----	.46368
1885	-----	.83692	1899	-----	.47267
1886	-----	.76158	1900	-----	.48723
1887	-----	.76963	1901	-----	.46828
1888	-----	.73842	1902	-----	.41484
1889	-----	.73478	1903	-----	.42633
1890	-----	.82218	1904	-----	.45477
1891	-----	.77634	1905	-----	.47953
1892	-----	.68475	1906	-----	.53188
1893	-----	.61313	1907	-----	.51980
			1908	-----	.42030

Respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

150

January 21, 1909.

Mr. Henry Troemner,
911 Arch Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith your account for six riders furnished the Laboratory of this Bureau with the request that you will render the same upon the enclosed form of voucher, and when received a disbursing officer's check will be remitted you for the amount, namely: $6.00.

Respectfully,

A. O. Bristow

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

151

January 21, 1909.

Mr. A. T. Tucker,
Box 271, St. Elmo,
Fayette Co., Illinois.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant you are respectfully informed that if you will forward the mutilated ten and twenty dollar gold pieces you have to the Assayer in Charge of the U. S. Assay Office at St. Louis, Mo., he will remit you the coining value of the same. See circular herewith.

Respectfully,

R. B. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

152

RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

WHERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 22, 1909.

TO American Smelting & Refining Co.,

165 Broadway,

New York, N. Y.

Will accept seventy-five thousand ounces for delivery at New Orleans and fifty thousand ounces for delivery at Denver at to-day's market rate.

L Gaah

Director

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT, APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1909.

Director of the Mint.

2—4258

STOCK FORM 1758 B.
DIV. P. AND S.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

153

January 22, 1909.

American Smelting & Refining Co.,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Mint at New Orleans has been instructed to receive seventy-five thousand ounces and the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver has been instructed to receive fifty thousand ounces of silver purchased from you this day and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.51882 for the silver .999 fine contained.

This price is based upon London rate of 23-3/4 pence, sight exchange $4.8730 and parity $0.521323198198, minus .0025, making the net settlement rate $0.51882.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

154

January 22, 1909.

Mr. M. S. Browne,
Winchester, Ky.

Sir:

Your letter of recent date addressed to the Chief of the Secret Service Division relative to Confederate coinage of the Mint at New Orleans has been referred to this Bureau.

This Bureau was not established until 1873, and we have no record of thedies referred to beyond that contained in a letter addressed to Hon. Marcus J. Wright of the War Department under date of April 7, 1879, by B. F. Taylor who signed himself "Formerly Chief Coiner, C. S. A.", and a letter addressed by Dr. M. F. Bonzano, formerly Melter and Refiner of the Mint at New Orleans to the Director of the Mint under date of November 4, 1887. A copy of these two letters was sent to you some time since. I would say that while we have heard of the 4 pieces referred to by Mr. Taylor in his letter, your letter contains the first intimation of any re-strikes being made from the dies. The Mint at New Orleans, after its closing in 1861, was not reopened by the Government for coinage until January 1, 1879.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

1155

January 22, 1909.

Colorado National Bank,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 13th instant to the Treasurer of the United States relative to the disbursing account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver for payment of bullion deposits has been referred to this Bureau. In reply you are respectfully informed that the method of payment by the Superintendent of the Mint for bullion deposited is strictly in accordance with the ruling of the Secretary of the Treasury who has authorized the payment by check on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago whenever the depositor prefers to receive the value of his deposit of gold bullion in that manner, rather than to receive the amount in coin over the counter or by check on the depository banks at Denver. It would appear that a large number of depositors of gold bullion at the Mint in Denver prefer to receive payment by check on the Assistant Treasurer at Chicago.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

156

January 22, 1909.

Denver Clearing House Association,
Denver, Colorado.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 13th instant to the Treasurer of the United States relative to the disbursing account of the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver, Colorado for payment of bullion deposits has been referred to this Bureau. In reply you are respectfully informed that the method of payment by the Superintendent of the Mint at Denver for bullion deposited is strictly in accordance with the ruling of the Secretary of the Treasury, who has authorized the payment by check on the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Chicago whenever the depositor prefers to receive the value of his deposit of gold bullion in that manner, rather than to receive the amount in coin over the cointer or by check on the depository banks at Denver. It would appear that a large number of depositors of gold bullion at the Mint in Denver prefer to receive payment by check on the Assistant Treasurer at Chicago.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

157

January 22, 1909.

W. R. Grace & Co.,
P. O. Box 286,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 14th instant addressed to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia, making inquiry on behalf of the Bolivian Government as to the cost of manufacturing the following silver coins 833-1/3 fine, with milled edge, has been referred to this Bureau and in reply you are respectfully informed that the cost of manufacturing would be as follows:-

1,000,000 pieces, weighing 10 grams each, size of 50¢, $7.34 per one thousand pieces.

2,500,000 pieces, weighing 4 grams each, size of 20¢, $5.30 per one thousand pieces.

The delivery of these coins would be made at the Mint, Philadelphia. The above charges would include the cost of copper for alloy, the adjusting and bagging of the coins. It would be necessary for the Bolivian Government to furnish 536,369.70 ounces troy of silver .999 fine. The dies would also have to be supplied by the Bolivian Government.

I would say for your information that if it is decided to have this coinage executed by the Mint at Philadelphia it is desirable that formal application should be made by the Bolivian Government through

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

158

the State Department. It would require between two and three months to execute this coinage. The sample coin forwarded by you to the Mint at Philadelphia, is herewith returned.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

159

January 22, 1909.

Mr. Ben G. Green,
1535 Masonic Temple,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 20th instant I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a statement showing the coinage executed at the mints of the United States during the calendar year 1908.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

275704

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

160

January 22, 1909

Miss A. Murray,
1123 Cambridge Street,
Camden, N. J.

Miss:-

Your letter of the 20th instant enclosing a portion of a one dollar note for redemption has been referred to the Treasurer of the United States who will communicate with you.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

161

January 22, 1909.

Mr. Henry Schmidt,
519 South 25th Avenue,
Omaha, Nebraska.

Sir:

In reply to your postal card you are respectfully informed that the note referred to being that of a State Bank I am unable to give you any information whatever in regard to it. I would suggest that you communicate with the Commissioner of Banking and Insurance at Trenton, New Jersey.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

162

January 23, 1909.

Mr. A. Howard Clark,
Secretary General,
National Society of the Sons of the
American Revolution.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 22nd instant you are respectfully informed that the number of bronze medals to be struck for your Society has been increased to 100. The Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia has been requested to make these medals as early as practicable.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

274919

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

163

January 23, 1909.

Mr. C. P. Davis, Treasurer,
Educational Press Company,
Springfield, Mass.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant you are respectfully informed that the coinage of gold is free and unlimited in this country; that is, gold bullion containing nine parts of gold and one of copper deposited in the Mint is coined for the benefit of the depositor without charge. But, if bullion is brought to the Mint which requires parting and refining, a charge is imposed for these operations. The copper required to reduce the metal to standard is charged for at the rate of two cents per ounce.

I forward you herewith a copy of Department Circular 62 and respectfully refer you to page 70 which will give you full information in this matter.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

275783

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

164

January 23, 1909.

Mr. James W. Eddy,
Young Men's Christian Association,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Sir:

Your letter of the 22nd instant relative to procuring 500 centavo pieces of the Philippine coinage has been received and referred to the Chief of the Bureau of Insular Affairs, War Department, Washin gton, D. C.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

275713

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

165

January 23, 1909.

Mr. W. R. Grace & Co.,
P. O. Box 286,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Referring to my letter of yesterday in regard to the Bolivian coinage I would say that in addition to the coins being placed in sacks they would be placed in kegs and properly sealed. In reply to your inquiry as to how payment would be made you are respectfully informed that payment would be made to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

275713

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

166

January 23, 1909.

The Secretary
International Exchange Service,
Smithsonian Institution.

Sir:

I have to request that you will forward through the International Exchange Service the three copies of the Report of the Director of the Mint transmitted to you under separate cover to Peter Loureiro, Esq., Manager, National Bank of China, Hongkong, China.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

U. S. MINT SERVICE
Form No. 669.
Ed. 1 16 1905 200.—8 x 1916

167

Treasury Department,
BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., January 25, 1909., 190

Mr. H. W. Child,

Helena, Montana.

Sir:

I have the honor to inform you that the President has appointed you as one of the Commissioners to examine and test the fineness and weight of the coins reserved by the several mints of the United States during the calendar year 190 8.

The Commission will meet at the mint at Philadelphia on the 10th proximo at 10 o'clock a. m.

No compensation is provided by law for the services of Commissioners, but necessary expenses in traveling to and from Philadelphia, and while attending the sessions of the Commission, will be reimbursed.

The Auditor for the Treasury Department will require that an itemized statement of your expenses, verified by affidavit, be filed, for which a blank form is inclosed.

Please notify me at your earliest convenience as to your acceptance of the appointment.

For your information, I inclose a pamphlet containing the laws relating to the Annual Assay, the Rules for Organization, and the proceedings of the last Commission.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach
Director of the Mint.

A copy of the foregoing notice was sent to the following persons:

(see next page)

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

168

ANNUAL ASSAY COMMISSION.

The following named gentlemen have been designated by the President as commissioners to test and examine the weight and fineness of the coins reserved at the several mints during the calendar year 1908. The Commission will meet on February 10, 1909, at the United States Mint in Philadelphia, Penna.

Hon. William E. Borah,
United States Senate.
Hon. Ira W. Wood,
House of Representatives.
Hon. Pearl Wight,
New Orleans, La.
Hon. Geo. E. Roberts,
Chicago, Ill.
Hon. Wm. H. Edmunds,
Yankton, S. D.
Dr. S. Weir Mitchell,
Philadelphia, Penna.
Prof. Leverett Mears,
Williams College, Mass.
Mr. Ambrose Swasey,
Cleveland, Ohio.
Mr. Gardner F. Williams,
Washington, D. C.
Mr. James H. Manning,
Albany, New York.
Mr. Farran Zerbe,
Tyrone, Penna.
Mr. John E. Wilkie,
Washington, D. C.
Mr. Joseph Auld,
Burlington, Vermont.
Mr. H. W. Child,
Helena, Montana.
Mr. Wm. J. McCaughey,
Washington, D. C.
Mr. Geo. M. Root,
Sioux Falls, S. D.
Mr. J. A. Cauldwell,
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.
Mr. John Hayes Hammond,
New York, N. Y.
Mr. J. Burr Tiffany,
New York, N. Y.
Dr. William Sturgis Bigelow,
Boston, Mass.
Hon. William D. Bynum,
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Exofficio members:
Hon. John B. McPherson, Philadelphia, Penna. (U.S.District Judge)
Mr. Lawrence O. Murray, Comptroller of the Currency, Washington
Mr. H. G. Torrey, Assayer U.S.Assay Office, New York

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

168½

January 25, 1909.

Mr. H. G. Torrey,
Assayer United States Assay Office,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

I have the honor to advise you that the Annual Assay Commission, of which you are an ex-officio member, will meet at the United States mint in Philadelphia on February 10, 1909, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach
Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

169

January 25, 1909.

Mrs. W. L. Bashor,
P. O. Box 194,
Trotwood, Ohio.

Madam:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant you are respectfully informed that I am unable to give you any information as to the numismatic value of the token you have bearing the inscription "Success to Navigation and Trade."

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

275833

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

170

January 25, 1909.

Mr. Laline Brownell,
1551 Adams Street,
Chicago, Ill.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant you are respectfully informed that old gold is received at the Mint at Philadelphia and its coining value as determined by melt and assay is paid, less the charges for fitting it for coinage.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

275814

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

171

January 25, 1909.

Mr. A. Howard Clark,
Secretary General, Sons of the American Revolution,
Smithsonian Institution.

Sir:

Referring to the matter of bronze medals for the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of letter from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia stating that fifty of these medals would be shipped on the 26th instant and the fifty additional medals ordered by you on the 22nd instant as soon as prior orders for other medals could be disposed of.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

274919

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

172

January 25, 1909.

Mr. R. K. Flanagan,
C/. Richards & Conover Hardware Co.,
Kansas City, Mo.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant you are respectfully informed that I am unable to advise you of the number of Indian Peace Medals that were struck during the administration of President Madison and President Jackson. I cannot inform you as to whether there is a premium on these medals or not over their bullion value as silver, but presume that they would have a numismatic value. I would suggest that you address some coin dealer or numismatist who could, no doubt give you information as to their market value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Enclosure:
sketch.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

173

January 25, 1909.

Mr. F. E. Hess,
R. F. D. #1,
Cazenovia, Wisconsin.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 22nd instant you are respectfully informed that the coining value of an ounce of pure gold is $20.67+. The coining value of an ounce of standard gold, that is, gold containing nine parts of pure gold and one part of alloy, is $18.60+. The gold coins of the United States are made of standard gold.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

174

January 25, 1909.

Mr. E. E. Sykes,
Southern Saw Mill Company,
New Orleans, La.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 22nd instant I enclsoe herewith a circular that will give you the information desired as to the price of Presidential medals.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

275813

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

175

January 26, 1909.

Mr. G. W. Alexander,
850 Calege Avenue,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant I enclose herewith a leaflet from the Report of the Director of the Mint on the precious metals for the calendar year 1907, which will give you the commercial ratio of silver to gold each year from 1687 to 1908 inclusive.

I would say that this ratio is arrived at by taking the average price of silver for the calendar year and the number of ounces that an ounce of gold will purchase in silver.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

176

January 26, 1909.

Mr. Chris. Coughlin,
Baltic St.,
Jamaica, L. I.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant you are respectfully informed that no premium is paid by the Government for coins. I am unable to give you any information as to the numismatic value of the coins you have as you do not specify the dates of any of the coins. I would suggest that you confer with some numismatist or coin dealer.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

177

January 26, 1909.

Mr. Charles Heath,
Hotel York,
Seventh Avenue, Cor. 36th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant I enclose herewith statement of the gold product by the mines of Virginia from 1799 to 1907 inclusive. and would respectfully state that the estimate for 1908 is not yet completed.

1799 to 1892,	$3,189,610*	1899,	7,100
1892	4,970	1900,	3,200
1893	6,160	1901,	5,300
1894	7,621	1902,	3,100
1895	6,303	1903,	13,500
1896	3,500	1904,	3,800
1897	3,900	1905,	5,000
1898	4,500	1906,	10,300
		1907,	8,300

*This estimate includes silver contained in gold;- probably from $25,000 to $50,000.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

178

January 26, 1909.

Hon. Ernest M. Pollard,
House of Representatives.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 25th instant I enclose herewith circular giving the standard weight, legal limit of abrasion, and least current weight of United States gold coin, the sections of law governing the same. There is no limit as to the abrasion of silver coin. As long as the denomination can be determined and silver coins bear no evidence of having been fraudulently reduced in weight, they are redeemed by the Treasury. I enclose herewith a circular relative to the purchase of uncurrent gold and silver coins at the mints and assay offices of the United States.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

179

January 26, 1909.

Mr. Harry Ruben,
1612 Center Avenue,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant you are respectfully informed that it is believed the gold production of the United States for the calendar year 1908 will approximate $96,000,000.

Respectfully

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

275816

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

180

January 26, 1909.

Mr. Lewis M. Slater,
B ureau of the Mint,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

You are hereby authorized and directed to proceed to the Mint at Philadelphia for the purpose of acting as Secretary of the Annual Assay Commission, which meets in that city on the 10th of February, 1909, at 10 o'clock, a. m.

While engaged in this service your necessary traveling and subsistence expenses will be paid by the Superintendent of the Mint upon your rendering an account of the same.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Approved:

L. A. Coolidge

Assistant Secretary.

s

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

181

January 26, 1909.

Mr. N. Shake,
1316 4th Avenue,
Terre Haute, Ind.

Sir:

In reply to your communication of the 23rd instant you are respectfully informed that none of the new gold coins have been called in. You can obtain a $10 or $20 gold piece without the motto "In God We Trust" by remitting the face value of the coin to the Treasurer of the United States.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

182

January 26, 1909.

Mr. Jacob Sonnhalter,
Massillon, Ohio.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 25th instant the sample of ore sent here for assay has been forwarded to the Assayer in Charge of the United States Assay Office at Deadwood, S. D.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

183

Janugry 26, 1909.

Mr. Frank B. Taylor,
2249 Wilder Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I return herewith the ten dollar Confederate note enclosed in your letter of the 25th instant with the information that the same has no value.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

184

January 26, 1909.

Waterbury Farrel Foundry & Machine Company,

Waterbury, Connecticut.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of the 29th ultimo offering to deliver at the Mint of the United States San Francisco, California, two coining presses similar in all respects to those made for the Denver Mint for the sum of $5,400, was, with other proposals, received and referred to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco. The Superintendent has returned the proposals with the recommendation that your offer be accpeted, which I approve.

Formal contract will be prepared and forwarded to you in the course of a few days. I would say for your information that there will be no delay in the payment for these presses as there is an ample amount of the appropriation for Contingent Expenses of the Mint at San Francisco available.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

185

January 26,1909.

Mr. Bryan H. River,
Assistant Treasurer, Wells Fargo & Co. Express,
51 Broadway, New York.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 25th instant informing this Bureau that in future there will be no additional charge for excess weight on gold bullion between the Mints at San Francisco and Carson.

The account of the Wells Fargo & Co. Express amounting to $1,130.50, held for this information, has been approved and referred for settlement today.

Thanking you for your courtesy in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach
Director of the Mint.

K-

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

A/c for medals.

186

January 27, 1909.

Mr. A. Howard Clark,
Secretary General, Sons of the American Revolution,
Smithsonian Institution.

Sir:

I transmit herewith the account of the Superintendent of the Mint of the United States at Philadelphia for 50 bronze medals of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution shipped you on the 26th instant by express.

I will thank you to cause a draft on Philadelphia or New York to be transmitted to the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia for the amount of the account, namely:-$25.00.

Respectfully,

R B Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

Enclosure.

275913

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

187

January 27, 1909.

Mr. David C. Goodman,
11 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant requesting the last publication of the monetary systems of the principal countries of the world, I forward you by to-day's mail a copy of the report of the Director of the Mint for the fiscal year 1904, which is the last detailed statement of the monetary systems of the world published by this Bureau. I also forward you copy of Department Circular No. 62, thinking possibly the same may be of interest to you.

Respectfully,

A. P. Bratton

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

188

January 27, 1909.

Mr. Robert K. Johnson,
82 Heath Street,
Winter Hill, Mass.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 25th instant you are respectfully informed that no gold coin of the denomination of a quarter of a dollar was ever authorized by Congress or coined at a Mint of the United States. Some years ago pieces called quarter and half dollars were manufactured by private parties in San Francisco. Of course the manufacture of these pieces was illegal and as far as possible the same has been suppressed. The quarter dollar is said to have contained from 6 to 8 cents worth of gold and the half dollar from 12 to 15 cents worth of gold.

Respectfully,

A B Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

189

January 27, 1909.

Mr. H. C. Keller,
303 North Main Street,
Butte, Montana.

Sir:

In reply to your letter of the 23rd instant you are respectfully informed that the value of the pure gold in a twenty dollar gold piece when first issued from the Mint, is twenty dollars. The alloy neither adds to nor detracts from the value of the coin.

Pure gold is very soft and has been found unsuitable for coinage as it would abrade very rapidly; therefore, one part of copper is added for the purpose of hardening the metal.

The gold coins of the United States consist of nine parts of pure gold and one part of copper alloy.

Respectfully,

R. O. Preston

Acting Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

190

January 27, 1909.

Mrs. B. Leidel,
14 Herman Avenue,
Guttenberg, New Jersey.

Madam:

Your letter of the 25th instant enclosing a portion of a one dollar note has been received and referred to the Treasurer of the United States who will communicate with you.

Respectfully,

R. O. Bratton

Acting Director of the Mint.

275921

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

191

January 28, 1909.

Mr. H. Roville,
Deputy Minister of Finance,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant in reference to the amount of United States gold coin held in the reserves of the Finance Department of the Dominion of Canada, and to thank you for the same.

I would be much pleased if you would kindly furnish me with a statement of the total amount of gold coin held by the Dominion Treasury. The information will be used for statistical purposes only. If practicable I would also be pleased to have a statement of the total amount of gold coin of all kinds held by the Canadian Banks.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Appointments and changes

192

January 28, 1909.

Hon. Reed Smoot,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 26th instant, addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, has been referred to me for reply. I have to advise you that the request of Mr. Jacob Schulthess for transfer from the Philippine Service to the position of clerk-typewriter in the assay office at Salt Lake cannot be granted, for the Civil Service Commission have held an examination for this position, and their rules and regulations provide that no position shall be filled by transfer or promotion after an examination for that position has been requested. I return the papers herewith as requested.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

FALs 275939

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

193

RUSH!

TREASURY DEPARTMENT TELEGRAM.

HERE WRITTEN:

Washington, January 29, 1909.

O American Smelting & Refining Co.

165 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Will accept one hundred thousand ounces for delivery at New York at to-day's market rate.

Leach

Director Mint.

Cont. Ex. Mint Bureau 1909.

FICIAL BUSINESS.
GOVERNMENT RATES.
CHARGE TREASURY DEPARTMENT. APPROPRIATION FOR.....
The appropriation from which payable must be stated on above line.

2—4258

STOCK FORM 1758 B.
DIV. P. AND S.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

194

January 29, 1909.

American Smelting & Refining Company,
165 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The Superintendent of the Assay Office at New York has been instructed to receive from you 100,000 ounces of silver purchased this day and to pay for the same at the rate of $0.51920 for the silver .999 fine contained.

This price is based upon London rate of 23-3/4d. Sight Exchange $4.8765 and parity, $0.5216976351351 minus .0025, making the net settlement rate $0.51920.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Vanderlip

Director of the Mint.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Silver purchases

195

January 29, 1909.

Mr. Edward Brush, Vice President,
American Smelting & Refining Co.,
165 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Brush:

I am sorry to have to inform you that we shall discontinue our small purchases of silver for the present. The accumulation of subsidiary coin is such that I do not feel justified in buying any more silver other than what may be necessary for the use of the assay office in New York. I trust, however, that this suspension of purchases will be only a temporary matter, and that upon the opening of the spring trade we may find justification for the resumption of silver buying.

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

196

January 29, 1909.

The Whitehead & Hoag Co.,
Cor. Washington & Warren Sts.,
Newark, N. J.

Sirs:

Your letter of the 28th instant received. In reply I would say that I have no knowledge of the mint at Philadelphia doing work in compeition with commercial houses. If you know of any such case I should like to have a specific statement from you covering the facts.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALs 275999

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

197

January 29, 1909.

The Quartermaster, U. S. A.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir:

I have to request that you will receive from the Superintendent of the Mint at Philadelphia a box containing machinery and appliances, weighing approximately 520 pounds, for shipment to the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, Cal.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

273222

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Brenner design

198

January 30, 1909.

Mr. Victor D. Brenner,
114 East 28th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Brenner:

I had the pleasure of showing your beautiful model of the Lincoln head and the reverse design for the one cent piece to the President this morning. The President was greatly pleased with the models and authorized me to use them if it can be done legally. This is a matter I am now taking up with the Secretary and the Comptroller, and it is possible that we may have to ask Congress to pass an act authorizing their use.

I would like to know what you will charge the government if we should finally find that we can make use of these two models.

If the general idea of these models is adopted there will have to be some modifications in order to comply with the law. The word "liberty" would have to be placed on the side carrying Lincoln's bust. The law also requires that the motto "E pluribus unum" should be on the reverse side, but it never has been put on the samll penny, and, following precedent, it is possible we may omit it. The date of the coinage year has to be carried on the bust side instead of on the reverse. However, these are mere matters of detail.

I am pleased to say to you that the few persons to whom I have shown your models are strong in their praise of this work.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Brenner 2- vanadium

199

Is not this Lincoln cast from the same design as the medal of which you recently sent me a copy ? If so, there may be some trouble about its adoption; and if adopted it would undoubtedly necessitate the discontinuance of the making and sale of the medals. Are many of the medals out ?

Yours truly,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

January 30, 1909.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury I am pleased to inform you that the law requires 10 per cent of copper alloy in the coinage of the Mint.

The use of vanadium as an alloy, if desirable, could not be adopted without making a considerable change in our coinage laws, for if the use of vanadium was practical, the amount required would undoubtedly be less than the amount of copper now used, which would necessitate a change in the weight and size of each denomination.

I should be pleased to receive a few ounces of the vanadium, and will superintend such experiments as are necessary to establish its adaptability. As we have sufficient gold and silver here for the purpose, the tests can be made in our laboratory.

It may be of interest to you to know that the government consumed about 130 tons of copper in alloying the coinage made at the various mints during the last fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

Lieutenant Commander Davis,
Bureau of Equipment, Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

FALs

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Alloy - vanadium

200

January 30, 1909.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Secretary of the Treasury I am pleased to inform you that the law requires the use of ten per cent of copper alloy in the coinage of our gold and silver.

The use of vanadium as an alloy, if desirable, could not be adopted without making a considerable change in our coinage laws, for if the use of vanadium was practical, the amount required would undoubtedly be less than the amount of copper now used, which would necessitate a change in the weight and size of each denomination.

I should be pleased to receive a few ounces of the vanadium, and will superintend such experiments as are necessary to establish its adaptability. As we have sufficient gold and silver here for the purpose, the tests can be made in our laboratory.

It may be of iberest to you to know that the government consumed about 130 tons of copper in alloying the coinage made at the various mints during the last fiscal year.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Lieutenant Commander Davis,
Bureau of Equipment, Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Ls

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

201

January 30, 1909.

Mr. J. Elmer Laws,
P. O. Box 965,
Pasadena, California.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 23rd instant I enclose herewith copy of Department Circular No. 62, on pages 54 to 61 of which you will fine the coinage of the United States Mints from their organization in 1793 to 1907, and a table giving the coinage of the Mints for the year 1908.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

Enclosures.

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

202

January 30, 1909.

Mr. L. H. La Mothe,
University of Ottawa,
Ottawa, Canada.

Sir:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 28th instant I enclose herewith a one dollar note in return for the two Columbian half dollars forwarded by you.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

PAL: 276040

RG104 E-235 Volume 380 Part I

Payment for deposits

203

January 30, 1909.

Mr. J. C. Mitchell, Secy.,
Denver Clearing House Association,
Denver, Colorado.

Dear Sir:

I am pleased to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 26th, and in reply would say the reason there has been no deposits made to the credit of the mint in Denver with the Denver National Bank sinceJuly 17, 1908, is because the superintendent of the mint in that city has made no request for such credit, and it is presumed that he had no use forthe money. If this condition exists through some misunderstanding, it can best be straightened out by your consulting with Mr. Downer, the superintendent of the mint at Denver.

It is the policy of the Treasury Department to pay Denver depositors of bullion in cash, by drafts on local depositories, or by drafts on the Assistant Treasurer at Chicago.

Respectfully,

Frank A. Leach

Director of the Mint.

FALs 276040